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WHITEAWAY'S

Severe Raid On Krupps By R.A.F.

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—R.A.F. Blenheim bombers carried out daylight precision bombing from a low level on Bremen this morning within an hour or two of the attack on the port during a continued R.A.F. night offensive in which Essen, the home of Krupps Works, was also heavily attacked.

An Air Ministry communique issued to-night says that a large factory in the dock area was bombed from a low level, some aircraft coming down to 50 feet.

Direct hits were obtained followed by fires and explosions. A goods yard and railway junction northwest of the city were also attacked. A goods train and aircraft on an aerodrome were machine-gunned.

Fighters Cross Channel

The communique also reports that Blenheim bombers targeted in the Frisian Islands and Norway where barracks and gun positions were raked with machine-gun fire.

Five bombers are missing. It is learned in London that R.A.F. fighters escorted more Blenheim bombers in an offensive sweep over Northern France this afternoon. Details are not yet available but reports so far received show that

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Hitler Plans Monarchy In Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 4 (UP).—News reaching the Embassy of a Government which is on friendly relations with Germany, and often in possession of reliable information from Berlin, to-day stated that Hitler intends to elevate Prince Louis Ferdinand to the throne of Russia.

Ferdinand is the second son of the Crown Prince and once worked in the Ford factory. He is the husband of Princess Kyra, sister of the Grand Duke Vladimir, pretender to the Czarist sceptre.

SUGGESTED BLOCKADE OF N.W. PACIFIC BY JAPAN AROUSES U.S.

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 4 (UP).—THE DISCLOSURE IN TOKYO THAT JAPAN IS CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF A "SAFETY ZONE" IN THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC HAS CAUSED THE IMPRESSION AMONG DIPLOMATS HERE THAT JAPAN REALLY CONTEMPLATES A PRACTICAL BLOCKADE AGAINST COMMERCIAL SHIPPING CARRYING WAR SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA.

SUCH A *DE FACTO* BLOCKADE WOULD CLASH DIRECTLY WITH THE "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS" POLICY ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

NEW SUCCESS IN SYRIA

Allies Gain Master Points

JERUSALEM, July 4 (Reuter).—The capture of Dier ez Zor almost simultaneously with Palmyra enormously strengthens the Allied positions in Eastern Syria since these towns represented Vichy strong points in this area.

CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS

**Latest Hongkong
Innovation**

By announcement in the "Government Gazette" this morning Government has reconstituted various local essential services into a single body known as the Civil Defence Corps.

The organisations concerned are: Auxiliary Communications Service, Auxiliary Conservancy Corps, Auxiliary Fire Service, Auxiliary Labour Corps, Auxiliary Medical Corps, Auxiliary Ordnance Corps, Auxiliary

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Dier ez Zor lies on the Euphrates 120 miles to the northeast of Palmyra where the occupation of the famous oasis has provided a base for future operations against the main North Syria cities of Homs, Ham and Aleppo.

The force which was responsible for the capture of Dier ez Zor consisted largely of Indian troops, who presumably entered Syria from Iraq at the frontier point about Abu Kemal.

This further exploit by Indian troops follows their brilliant work in the Damascus region when by a series of daring sorties they helped the entry of the Allies into the Syrian capital.

Dent's Admission

VICHY, July 4 (Reuter).—General Dent's official communique from Syria to-day says nothing of the loss of Dier ez Zor but admits that a "large enemy tank column made contact with French troops."

The communique claims that Vichy forces have repulsed Allied troops in Southern Syria, taking a large number of prisoners.

On the coast south of Beirut, patrol and artillery activity is reported. French aircraft, the communique adds, are still active bombing and machine-gunning Allied columns.

LATEST

Armistice In Syria Said Imminent

ANKARA, July 4 (UP).—It is reported without confirmation, that an armistice will be concluded in Syria within a week.

Although British sources deny the possibility of an armistice, it is believed that M. Benolst Mechin, the Vichy representative, during his week's stay in Ankara may attempt to negotiate an armistice.

Clipper Schedule

The Pan-American Airways Clipper has been further delayed by the unfavourable weather conditions, and is now expected to arrive in the Colony to-morrow, leaving on her return trip to Manila and San Francisco on Monday.

The Japanese suggestion that the safety zone would follow the example of the zone around the American hemisphere is totally irrelevant according to information received. Whereas the purpose of Japan's zone appears to be the exclusion of cargo ships carrying supplies to Russia over free seas, the purpose of the American safety zone is to protect and facilitate normal commercial communications.

TYPHOON LATEST May Be Filling Up Says Observatory

While information concerning the typhoon, reported yesterday to be approaching the Colony, is somewhat meagre, there are indications, according to the Royal Observatory this morning, that the disturbance has changed its course, and is either moving eastward, or filling up.

Its exact location at 9 o'clock this morning could not be stated by the Observatory who were waiting for further information.

Yesterday, Manila reported that the typhoon was situated at Long 120 E and Lat. 10 N, moving WNW. Thus placed, it is roughly 350 miles southeast of Hongkong.

The No. 1 signal was hoisted yesterday afternoon and had not been changed this morning.

To-day was greeted with a severe thunderstorm accompanied by torrential rain. The storm broke shortly after 7.30 and continued with unabated intensity for more than an hour. A wet week-end appears to be assured.

Bombay Gang Provoked Caste Riots

BOMBAY, July 4 (Reuter).—A conspiracy to commit murder and rioting and to stab persons of a rival community is claimed to have been unearthed by the Police who connect the recent communal disturbances in the city with this plot.

The Police have arrested 20 persons who are alleged to be members of a gang which, after being supplied with drink and knives, were instructed to stab unruly pedestrians.

It is believed that these arrests and seizure of blood-stained knives and clothes will throw further light on the recent communal disturbances.

Since the city has been quiet and free from disturbances for some days, the authorities have relaxed the curfew.

Speeding Up Burma Road

CHUNGKING, July 4 (Reuter).—Government is determined to speed up the transport of vital supplies to China via the Burma Road.

As a step towards this end, as from next week all highway administrations and engineering bureaux throughout China which hitherto have been under various departments, are to be placed under the centralized control of the Transport Control Board of the National Military Council.

The American zone does not exclude any merchantmen, nor even the free movement of belligerents' warships, but only undertakes to prevent warships engaging in hostile acts within the zone. That means to refrain from combat or the harassing of commercial shipping.

Distorting Doctrine

The authorities commented that if the Japanese attempted to restrict the movement of cargo ships near their waters on the pretext that the American safety zone did the same thing, they would be merely distorting again for their own purpose the American doctrine, in the same way that the Japanese previously distorted the doctrine in an attempt to justify their exclusive East Asiatic hegemony programme on the ground that it was like the U.S. Monroe Doctrine.

Officials have repeatedly drawn attention to the fact that the Monroe Doctrine only undertook to prevent further colonization of the American hemisphere; moreover, attention is drawn to the fact that the American safety zone was adopted unanimously by 21 independent nations and was not merely asserted unilaterally by one nation as Japan seems to propose.

Japan To Move Southward?

London Impression

LONDON, July 4 (UP).—The impression is growing that Japan intends to depart from her declared policy of non-involvement in the European conflict, to the extent of resuming her southward drive.

Extension of Japan's occupation in Indo-China is mentioned as a possibility, and perhaps the establishment of a Japanese naval base in Camranh Bay and the Japanese air force in southern Indo-China.

Abyssinian Campaign Comes To A Finish

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, July 4 (UP).—General Headquarters announced to-day that the Italian resistance in Eritrea, Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland has now been brought to a successful close.

The supreme commander of the remaining Italian forces, General Gazzera, with all the forces operating in Galla Sidamo except the small garrison at Gondar which is now hemmed in, has surrendered.

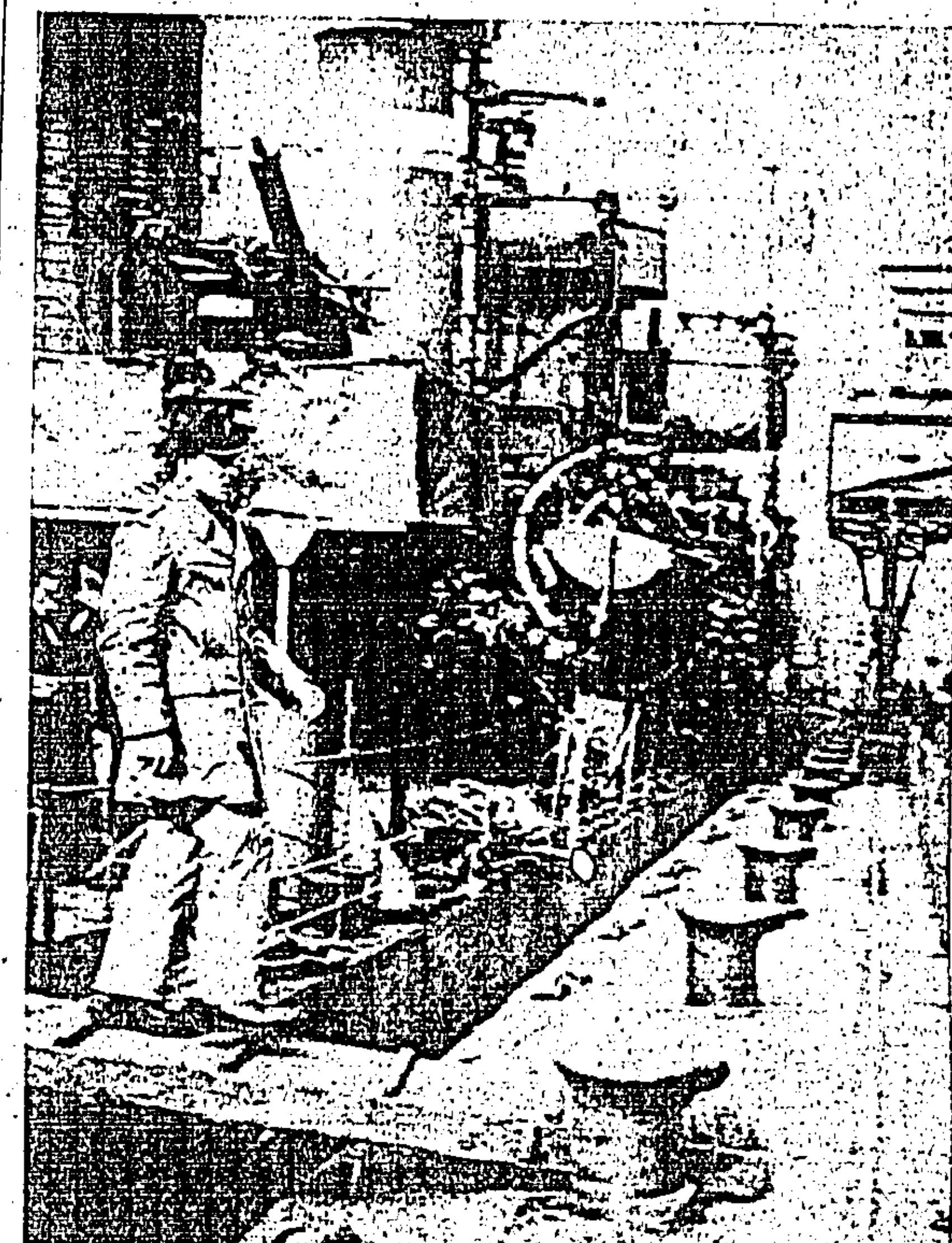
There is also a small column which has been dispersed into the wild country southwest of Assab.

Sending Envoys

NATROBI, July 4 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that General

Capture of Germany's U-Boat "Ace"

Here is Otto Kretschmer, German U-boat Ace, known as the "Wolf of the North Atlantic" and captain of one of the U-boats whose sinking was recently announced by Mr Churchill, coming ashore as a prisoner of war from a British destroyer which sank Kretschmer's war vessel and another submarine.



Armies Nearing Stalin Line Big Battles Due Shortly

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—With the Soviet troops falling back on the 1938 Soviet frontier, according to the German news agency, Berlin is expecting fierce new battles with the main Russian forces along the so-called Stalin Line.

Nazi quarters said on Thursday that the Red Army will undoubtedly attempt to hold up the German advance in this network of fortifications in depth extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

German troops, they declared, are now fast approaching the Stalin Line. The Nazis profess to believe that the Russian prospects of holding the line are unfavourable because of the heavy losses the Red Army has already incurred in East Poland and the Baltic states.

Soviet Resistance

"Soviet forces piled up along the front have been scattered and penetrated," says the German news agency.

"Soviet troops, equipment and planes have suffered so severely that their losses cannot be made up."

At the same time, the Germans admit large-scale fighting—important mopping operations—is still going on behind the German front as "pockets" of Soviet troops continue stubbornly to resist.

The whole terrain is being combated. TURN to Page 2, Column Six

Indian Officer's Courage

SIMLA, July 4 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction is felt in Indian Army circles at the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Subadar Richpal Ram.

Close on the announcement of the award of the second V.C. to the Indian Army comes a story of high courage and gallant leadership at Keran, by another Indian officer, Lieutenant Mohamed Siddiq, of the 11th Sikh Regiment, who is awarded the Military Cross.

He led a company on March 15 against Samanna Ridge. Despite intense machine-gun and mortar fire, the officer captured the "left bump," one of three prominent features of the ridge. His position was now being heavily shelled but disregarding it, he organised fire support to the companies attacking the middle and right bumps.

The attack on the middle bump was repulsed and the company commander was wounded. Siddiq then was put in command and in leading a night attack he was twice wounded when close to an enemy bunker.

ANOTHER \$5,000 FROM "BELLows"

The Hon. Treasurer (known as the Receiver of the Windfalls) of the Fellowship of the Bellows, has sent another cheque for \$5,000 to the Bomber Fund. This makes the fourth contribution and brings the total to date to \$20,000.

Italian Prisoners

BOMBAY, July 4 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners of war, numbering 1,345, including officers, have arrived in Bombay.

Bismarck Survivors

More than 100 officers and men were saved when the new Nazi battleship Bismarck, battered into silence by our battleships, was torpedoed and sunk by the Dorsetshire. This picture was taken when some of the German survivors were landed at a British port. Many were wounded and came ashore on stretchers or pick-a-back.

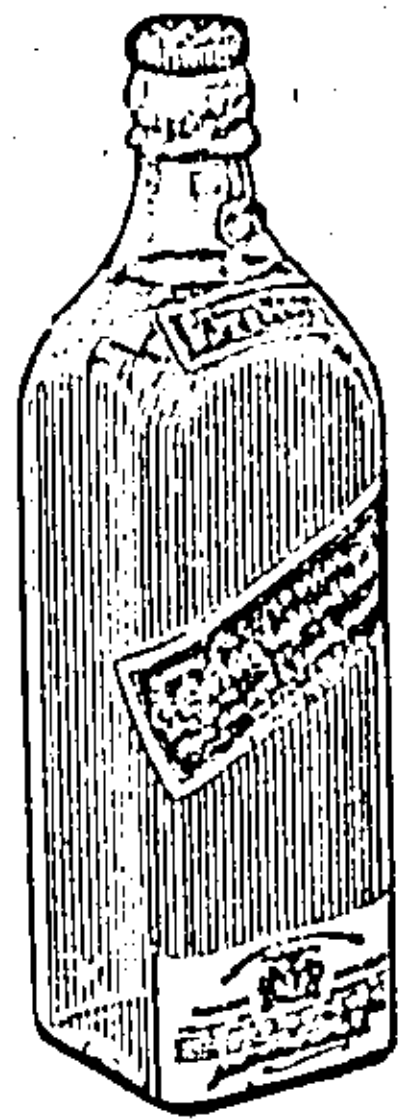


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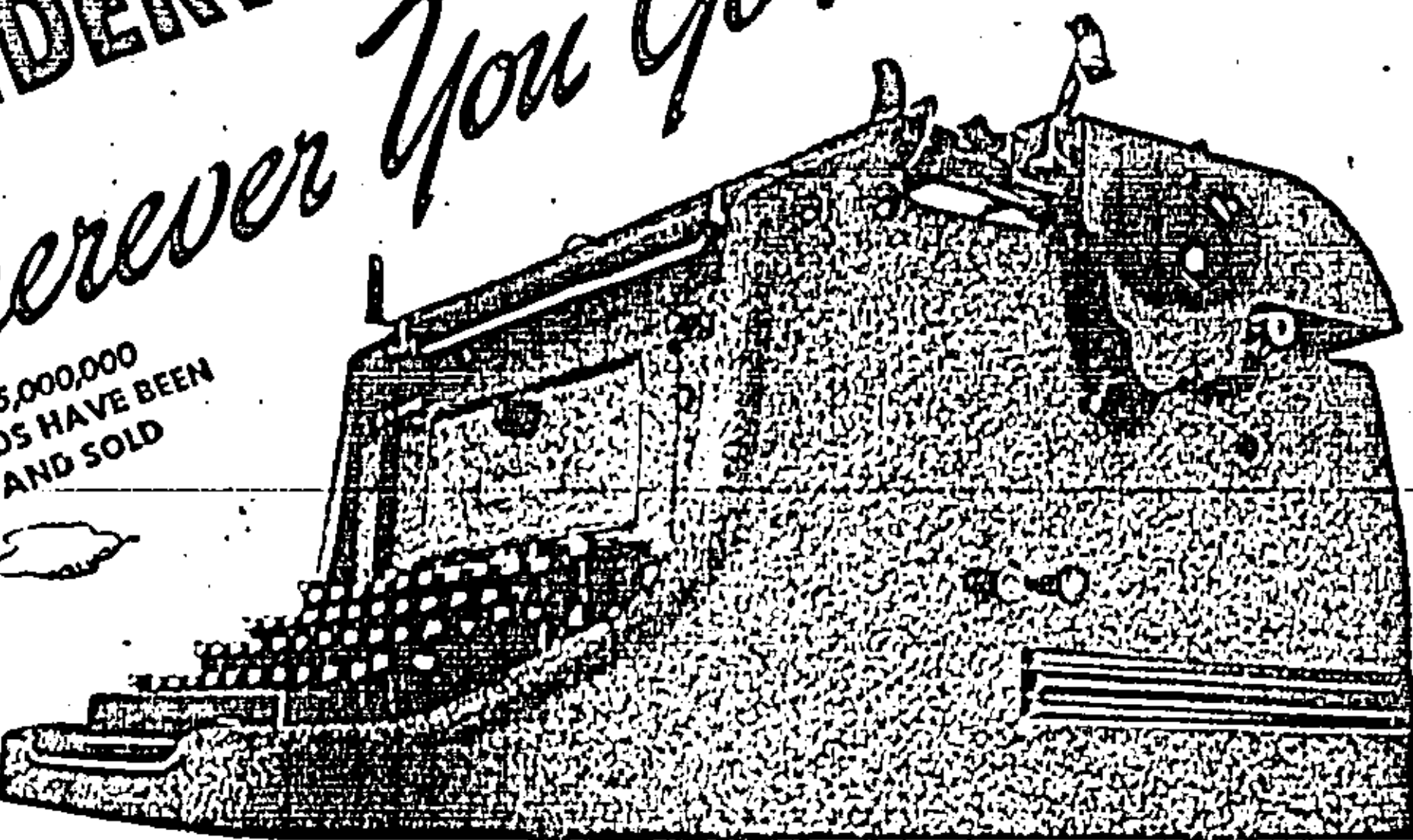
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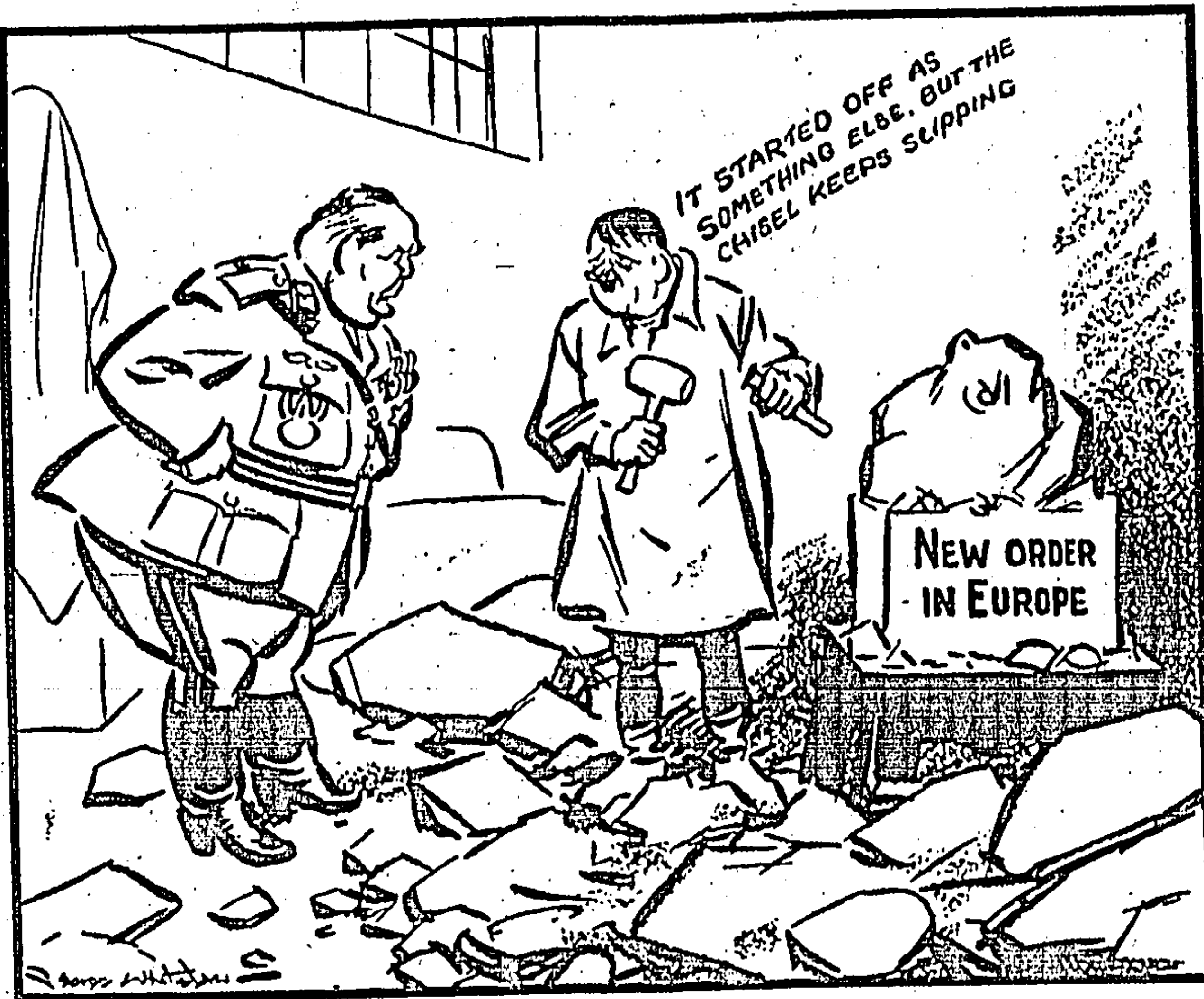


BLIND HOSPITALITY

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—George Whitelaw in the "Daily Herald"

IF YOUR BOOKS WERE BLITZED

how would you replace them?

A MAN, one of whose friends had had his flat demolished by an air-raid and had lost his entire collection of books in the flames, said to me: "If that happened to you, how would you set about making a new collection? What books would you choose first?"

The question is rather like the old one about the books one would like to have if one were marooned on a desert island; and the answer will in each case be much the same. If you care for books at all, your first choice will be among books that you know you can read or dip into over and over again.

Hence I would begin with two Bibles—the ordinary Bible and "The Bible Designed to be Read as Literature." I like the second because of its noble type and because by its form and arrangement it gives an air of freshness to familiar things. Here one can read the hundred-and-third Psalm with a new sense of its supreme greatness among the immortal lyrics.

Shakespeare is another obvious choice. This is because he is the poet who gives us most pleasure when the mind and imagination are most fully awake and because he is also the rival of the detective-story writers in holding our attention when we are worn out and almost asleep. There has never been a dramatist like him for perpetuity of interest. That is why everybody, except people like the Belfast schoolboy who once expressed to me the opinion that "Shakespeare's a lot of rot," makes Shakespeare one of the first choices for an imaginary small but perfect library.

Whether to make Milton or Boswell's "Johnson" the next choice I am a little uncertain. I think Boswell, however, and I would include his "Tour to the Hebrides" as well as the "Life." These are books that, when one gets to know them, can be taken down at almost any time and used for lucky dips. Yet I once knew a brilliant but perverse reader, critic who could not read them Macaulay that "he wrote a style that is not only good but new."

because, he said, they were "all in which it was impossible to speak the truth." If Macaulay gave history and biography a tinge of fiction, however, it was fiction that competes in interest with the novels of Dumas.

Milton, despised in certain corners of Cambridge in recent years, comes next—the poet with an incomparable gift for phrasing that delights the ear and, through the ear, the spirit. I do not often read him, but he is one of the poets whom every now and then one longs to re-read and who in the inspired parts of his verse always seems the greater than before at every re-reading.

Among the novelists Dickens comes first because above all the others he possesses the precious quality that may be called "re-readableness." I love Scott and Thackeray and always enjoy re-reading them, but I can see their books on the shelves without feeling that irresistible craving to dip into them again that I feel at sight of a row of Dickens. "David Copperfield" is probably the greatest of them, but what comic scenes in literature surpass those in which Mr Pecksniff, Montague Tigg and Sairey Gamp figure in "Martin Chuzzlewit" and Silas Wegg and Mr Boffin in "Our Mutual Friend."

By
ROBERT LYND

Two lighter books with no pretensions to greatness I should include are Stevenson's "The Wrong Box," and F. C. Burnand's "Happy Thoughts" because I have never re-read them without enjoyment.

I should also have to have T. A. Coward's "British Birds and Their Eggs," a work which has enabled me to identify more birds, including a Tengmalm's Owl, than any other book. And beside it there would have to be a book about wild flowers—say, John's "Flowers of the Field" or Mr Miles Hadfield's "English Flowers."

Most of the books I have mentioned, it will be noticed, are books belonging to the literature of the past, but that is only natural, for these are the books that have most clearly proved their re-readableness over a long period of years.

Obviously, however, one's shelves would look rather austere and museum-like if they refused to recognise the existence of the twentieth century. Apart from this, what a debt of pleasure one owes to books bearing the names of Shaw, Belloe, De la Mare, Rose Macaulay, Virginia Woolf, Tomlinson, Priestley and many other writers still living. The truth is, one needs hundreds of books—even thousands of books—to appeal to all one's appetites. And there are many moods in which one's appetite craves for something other than the good but new.

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THE right risk to take is always the one that can, if taken, save the bacon; and whether to run it or not always depends upon the value of the bacon.

Suppose that an incendiary bomb lands upon your doorstep at the exact moment when the kitten leaps upon the table to pillage the fish for supper.

It would be well to clear the doorstep first, and leave the fish to the kitten.

It is a pity about the fish, but if you tackle the kitten first there might be no fish, no kitten, and even no person in a quandary as to what to do first.

Incendiary bombs already know what to do first—they burst.

There is another important point to remember about what risks to take.

It will not be decided by what happens at the moment. On the contrary, when "the burning moment breaks," what you have made yourself into as a human being will decide automatically what risks you can or will take.

It is not what the emergency brings to us that makes a hero or a heroine—it is what we bring to the emergency.

WANTED DANGER

I was much struck the other day by meeting a handsome and healthy girl in a state of great misery—because she was not in danger.

"How can I tell," she implored me almost in tears, "whether I shall be brave or not when I do have to face danger? There ought to be some way of practising for danger!"

"Perhaps there is," I told her, "but it is rather a long and difficult one—you would have to find it of the first importance to you not to please yourself."

Those who want the good of other not more than their own, but as much, can be fairly counted upon to take the right risk in an emergency.

Heroes take more than their share and put the safety of others well before their own; but it is also something not to do less than our share by trying to prevent others from being saved so that we can corner all the safety there is.

UNCONSCIOUS

It is interesting to see how animals always turn on a weak specimen of their race; and try to destroy it.

Children, too, who are in a more primitive stage of existence and closer to instinct than adults, will generally bully or torment a cowardly child.

Nor is it, as one often imagines it to be, mere senseless cruelty that instigates this unkindly treatment.

It is a deep, unconscious instinct that the cowardly child would get in the way and be a liability—rather than a good comrade—in a catastrophe.

The coward adds to his own danger because panic blinds him as to what risks to take. Now, fear is an instinct given us in order to avoid danger, and where there is danger it is a most useful instinct.

If it were not for fear we should not make the jump that sometimes saves us from an unexpectedly close vehicle, and lands us safe upon the pavement.

It is often well to remind ourselves when we feel nervous without a direct cause, that even nowadays terrible things do not happen as often as the escapes from them; and that an accident of a fatal nature happens only once to anybody.

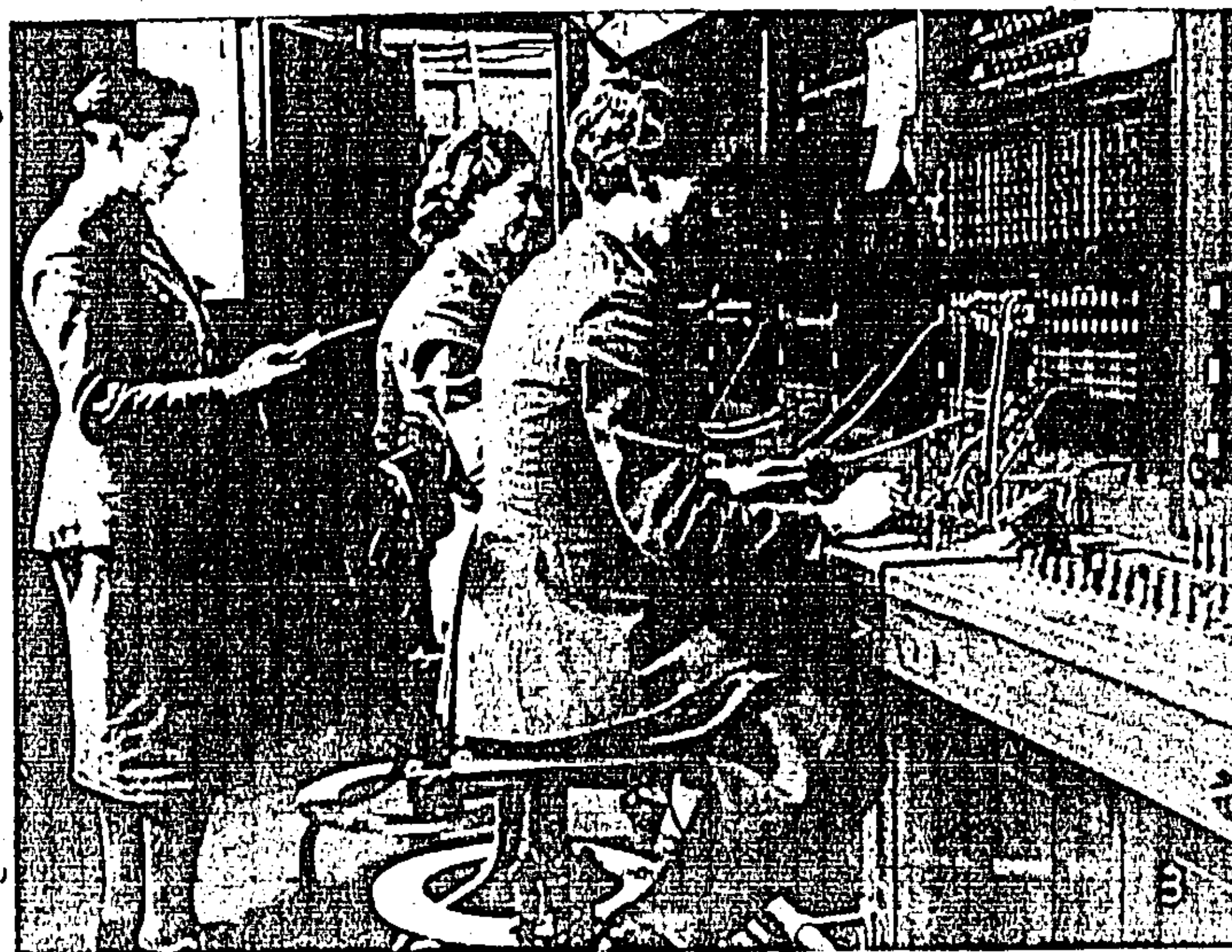
THAT TENTH PART

Those who are accustomed to think of how they can best contribute towards the well-being of others do away with nine-tenths of fear; we waste time by trying to get rid of it.

This little tremor of the nerves in danger does not lessen or destroy our faculties; nor does it paralyse us into panic.

On the contrary, it helps to control and direct our intelligence and turns us forward into tackling the danger in the most promising manner.

BRITISH WOMEN ARMY AUXILIARIES



One of the earliest and best line of the defence zones as map known of the women's services readers and range finders. in Britain is the Auxiliary Ter-Members of the Service went ritorial Service. Wherever the with the British Expeditionary British Army is so also can be Force to France and Flanders, found the efficient girls in and were on the beaches of khaki. They are doing jobs behind the front line to release soldiers for more arduous duties.

Already 40,000 strong, it is now announced that the service is to be increased to 60,000. The duties taken over by the "ATS" include highly confidential work which takes them to gun emplacements in the front

work was extended to home at 7 a.m., inspection and roll drive. PICTURE (2) shows commands and Queen Mary became the Commandant-in-Chief. later, lunch at 1 p.m., and ten at 4.15. Supper is at 7 a.m., and the girls are in bed by 10.30. The minimum pay is 1s. 8d. a day, which is two thirds that of a soldier. Pay increases on promotion, or on passing examination to take up specialised jobs.

Off duty the girls indulge in a variety of recreations such as squash, table tennis, hockey, dancing, swimming.

Discipline is on Army lines. On joining all recruits go through a preliminary course of training, later taking a specialised course which fits them for the job they are to fill.

Telephone switchboard operators, shown in PICTURE (3) have to work under the most difficult conditions, often in face of heavy bombardment. The raid at Coventry is an instance.

PICTURE (4) shows a party of A.T.S. girls in the mess room. It has now been announced in a scheme to improve conditions even further for these girls that dependants' allowances are to be granted, while there will be increased prospect of promotion to the rank of chief volunteer (lance corporal).

A reservé is being formed so that if a member wishes to go home for urgent reasons, such as illness, she can be put on it for a limited period, instead of having to be discharged as had hitherto been the case. Later orderlies, messengers, storekeepers and other jobs such as typewriters and telephone switchboard operators.

PICTURE (1) shows women of the Motor Transport Section of the A.T.S. are married to overhauling a lorry, for they must know all about the engine in addition to being able to their husbands.

Hitler Damned With Praise

Poem Reads Two Ways

NEW YORK, May 16.—The "New York Times" to-day published a poem written in the French classic style which it said appeared in the newspaper "Paris Soir" some weeks ago and which to all appearances sang high praises of Hitler. An octave of alexandrines, it was so cleverly put together, that by separating the alexandrines on the cesura so as to form two stanzas of eight the poem turned into verses praising Britain and damning Hitler.

This is the original French octave:

Aimons et admirons le Chancelier Hitler
L'éternelle Angeleterre est indigne de vivre;
Maudissons et cernons le peuple d'outremer;
Le Nazi sur la terre sera seul à survivre.
Soyons donc le soutien du Fuehrer allemand,
Des boys navigateurs finira l'Odyssée;
A eux seuls appartient un juste châtiment;
La palme de vainqueur attend la croix gammée.

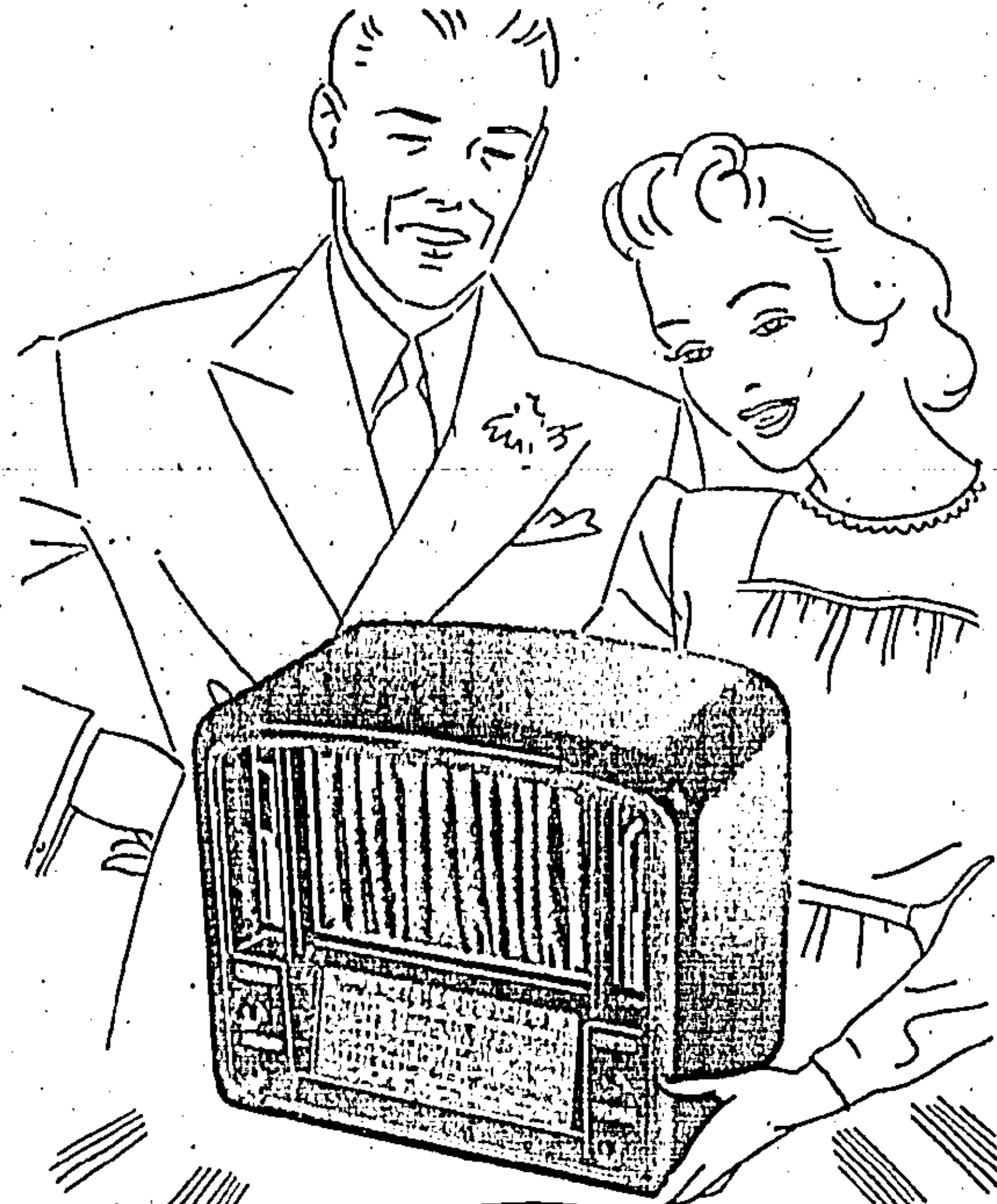
This is a free translation, line by line, of the above, but with the lines split to form the two verses:

With love let us praise
Everlasting England
Let us curse, let us raze
On earth, the Nazi band
Let us then bear support
For the boys plowing the sea
By whose sole effort
Victory shall be

Hitler, the chancellor,
Is unworthy of life.
The trans-Channel mentor—
Sole survivor in strife—
For the German chieftain
Shall the Odyssée fade,
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HIGHLY SYNCHRONIZED in its present day streamlined form, with ever-changing methods of attack and defence, basketball, the greatest of American indoor athletic pastimes is the game that can boast of over 18,000,000 active players throughout the world.

This fast-motion sport found its way into the world in 1891, when Dr. James Naismith, its brilliant inventor set up two peach baskets and used a soccer ball and thirteen rules at the Springfield Y.M.C.A. in Massachusetts to start eighteen young students off on a game that was to take the world by storm.

In its infancy, basketball was merely a passing fancy, but through its rapid changing history, the game has developed into a scientific sport of athletic master-minds, where fundamentals such as dribbling, feinting, shifting of feet, hands and body—screening, shooting, cutting and stopping, must be mastered to meet the changing situations.

Probably emphasised to a greater degree than in baseball, the other great American game played in the Colony, is the fact that complete co-ordination and team co-operation is an essential factor to the success of any cage squad.

FOR the past few years leading teams in our contested Colony have been using and striving to improve upon that breath-taking style of defensive play—the man to man defence. Requiring real stamina, it is rapidly becoming the popular method of most Chinese teams here, in "defending that basket."

The fundamental principle to remember in this "slinging out one man" method of guarding, is to stay between the opponent you're guarding and the defending basket.

Teams more advanced employ an interchanging or "momentarily switching" type of man to man defence to meet the increasing menace of the screening attack. The switching method requires quick collaboration which can only be derived from constant team practice.

The zone system of defending a basket, still popular with many of the younger teams in the local leagues, has its effective points in a "revolving area guarding" sense and gives a defending team that fast break-away momentum.

The fast break is highly effective, but tends to loosen up the finer points of defensive play, resulting in high-scoring wide-open games. In defending via the zone system, the centre pivot is all-important, around whom the other four cogs must revolve in smooth working unison.

OFFENSIVELY, screening plays and the five men continuity system are the most up to date forms of attack. However, the blocking system is still in its infancy here in China and continuity has yet to be tried in its synchronizing form.

In Hongkong, very few, if any, local cage quintets have mastered this style of "screen him out" game to any preliminary degree of efficiency. South China A.A.'s eagles occasionally flash through with a perfect screening play, but as a rule, most local teams are not yet advanced to the point where screening is the big offensive weapon.

Thorough drilling in the fundamental methods of basketball, foot work, feinting, confidence in handling that ball, will prove to be about the most important phase in the development of a strong basketball squad.

Some of the teams here in the South put too much stress on the idea that a system of complicated plays works to a greater advantage, for-

Trojans Tackle Indian Police To-morrow

CONTINUING their practice sessions in preparation for the opening whistle which will start fourteen cage squads off on the title hunt and possession of the beautiful Wu Teh-chen Cup, Defuncto Silva's Trojan basketball quintet is slated to tackle the rangy Indian Police hoopers in an exhibition tilt to-morrow, at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Waterloo Road, at 4 p.m.

Manager Silva has signed on a veteran lineup who have shown degrees of brilliance in tuneup sessions and should give the Indians a tough tussle. Ace Charlie Figueiredo, former Recrelo star will play forward with C. Silva, flanking Defuncto Silva at centre.

Ready For League
The Portuguese squad has already played Gussie Noronha's V.R.C. quintet in a few practice tilts the past two months, and are just about ready to start in with the league opener.

Captain Baboo Singh's Indians, who have a big height advantage over most of the other entrants, are eager to chalk up another pre-season win and expect to gush through with a big victory in to-morrow's fray.—B. Woo.

getting that it means, too, that a more difficult phase of the game must be mastered by them themselves.

ALL set to start out in quest of the beautiful Wu Teh-chen Cup, emblematic of summer basketball supremacy in Hongkong, leading teams are eagerly awaiting the opening toss-up, which has been set for the middle of this month.

A few foreign teams have already sent in their entries to assure the league of an international atmosphere.

From this angle it looks like a two-way fight between South China and Sing Tao, with the Kuo Mun University stars coming in as the "dark horse" threat.

This youthful Canton quintet plays that spectacular dashing type of game, relying on speed and lightning spirit throughout the forty minutes of play.

The two red-hot favourites, South China and Sing Tao, put particular stress on the finer points of cage playing, making certain of each pass, defending in systematic unison and taking each break at that "split second" as it presents itself.

Sing Tao have a veteran combination who have played together for years and use their height and long years of experience to the greatest advantage.

Outstanding rookies have been added to the South China lineup and the Caroline Hillmen are rapidly rounding into shape for the opening whistle.

The spacious "Y" court on Waterloo Road, 35 ft by 45 ft in area, with its new floodlighting system, should prove a boon to basketball on the mainland, and will probably attract outstanding crowds during the breezy summer nights.—Bill Woo.

Hongkong F.A. Annual Meeting

Alterations To Rules

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at the Association Office, Bank of Canton Building, on Wednesday, July 9, at 5.30 p.m.

Included in the usual agenda for an annual meeting are two items, first, to elect a representative of the Civilian Clubs playing only in the Second and Third Divisions of the League, and second, to consider and, if thought fit, pass certain alterations to the Rules of the Association.

Tours

An important change is one dealing with tours. It reads: (a) Any Club proposing to make a tour or tours out of the Colony shall obtain the sanction of the Association. All Clubs must submit a financial statement of such tour within 14 days.

(b) No Club shall invite the players of other Clubs to take part in any tour without the permission of the Clubs concerned, and Clubs concerned shall notify the Association. Such permission shall not be necessary during the close season.

Team Strength

Another important proposal is the following:

"Each Club shall play its full strength in all matches under the jurisdiction of this Association unless some satisfactory reason is given. In the event of the explanation not being satisfactory the offending Club will be dealt with under Rule 53. Any Club proved to have been responsible for a late start in a match without sufficient reason shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 53.

Referees' Fees

GENERAL increase in Referees' and linesmen's fees are proposed for Shield and Cup matches. The increases which will provide a referee with \$10 and a linesman with \$5 per match are only applicable to the Shield competition in the semi-final and final stages.

Accounts

THE Statement of Accounts shows a profit of \$1,431.59 for the year. This is brought about only by the Shield, and Cup matches, for the League account reveals a loss of \$784.64. Only \$163.91 was made on the Interport match with Macao, at Macao.

Charity matches brought a grand total of over \$20,000. The Sunday Herald Charity Fund received \$3,000 for distribution among twenty-two local charities, the Poppy Day Match realised \$1,062.40, and various other Charity games brought in \$9,636.07.

By agreement between the Association and the Federation, the proceeds of the Governor's Cup match—\$5,675.68—was divided between the Bomber Fund and the Chinese Bomber Fund.

Baseball Schedule

Chatham Road

TO-DAY			
2.15 p.m. H. B. Beer	v. Chung Hwa		
4.00 p.m. Royal Engineers	v. H.K.B.C.		
TO-MORROW			
10 a.m. U.S.S. Asheville	v. South China		
2.30 p.m. U.S.S. Mindanao	v. H.K.B.C.		

Baseball Club-Mindanao Postponed Tie To-morrow

(By "Ball Fan")

GLIDING SLOWLY onward towards baseball's crossroads—those opposite paths, the one, known as the glamour route which leads directly upwards to the dizzy heights and through to the palace of champions; the other, known as the second division, the direction to oblivion, dread of all ball teams, leading to the fade-out spot at the bottom of the loop—ball fans will be pretty definite, after the week-end tilts, in their hot-stoving confabs, concerning the classification of our major loop teams on either side of the dividing line.

H.B.'s barrel-rolling bolchers from Brownville hit into a soft spot as they open up the two-day card, this afternoon at 2.15 p.m., against the Chung Hwa Maroons. Chuck Waggoner's tamed Mohawks of former marauding fame clash in the "aujourd'hui" nightcap with those hard-going Sappers known as the Royal Engineers.

"And the seventh day is to be a day of rest," so states an ancient and much abused law; but it certainly will not apply to South China's red and blue men who are due to put in with a long ball-shagging session on the diamond once again to-morrow morning in their fracas with Tony Governale's Asheville Aces.

OPENING up this afternoon at 2.15 p.m., the "extra inning" Chinese Maroons are definitely set to finish in seven stanzas behind the big red sign when they take on the powerful Brewers.

Tony Governale, Muddy Ruel and Robert Strahl are booked to handle this one.

The beer-squelching Brewers have been shimmering in red-hot conflagration since that break in the season's opener, and broke all records last week with a dual display of "platter-crossing" might, reminding us of an overwhelming basketball score.

In the big Beer Bubblers' run at-tack, the pressure kid, Baby Abbas, chone like a brilliant star in the clear sky. This good-natured centre-fielder, a real threat at the plate in every Brewer game since the start of the season, is just about the most effective "low ball, right field" hitter at the Chatham Road ball park.

The pressure kid is a favourite with the gashouse gang and is classed among the top-flight fly hawks in the seven team loop. "Leonard's delight," not a choice-late bar nor a soda fountain special, but a phrase used to show Captain Dave Leonard's happy frame of mind, put in its appearance all over the bambino's features last week each time rookie Gerry Gosano hurled one of those fast blizzards across the pan.

The burly third sacker has visions of youthful Gerry leaping out as the ace slamborn on the H.B. mound staff, and was all a-flutter at the showing of this young fireballer in his first appearance on the hillcock.

Chung Hwa Maroon fans are pinning their hopes on moundsman Al Lau's iron clad right arm, that wily old baseball leader grandpa Leung, who is known as the grand old man from the north, and plenty of rain in big buckets-full around the 5th inning to "hold that score down."

THE Royal Engineers v. Iroquois Mohawk nightcap at 4.00 p.m., brings together two teams with an entirely different background, in a practical baseball sense.

The Sappers are a hard fighting team of diamond tossers who started playing the game only a few years back—a ball playing nine who have not been through the steady stages of a complete baseball education; a team who haven't acquired that extra baseball "oomph" which can only be instilled into a player during his youthful sandlot days.

All-round, baseball sense grows with a kid from the very day he starts handling a bat and glove on the corner lot or on the side street diamond.

Chuck Waggoner's Mohawks have had the opportunity to acquire that baseball "knick-knack" from knee-high days, and should know the ins and outs of the game from most angles. However, over our perch in the stands, they seem to rely only on the experience derived from former days. They lack the youthful fight and that necessary "something" which is required in any competitive sport to produce a winner. Red Johnson is slated to start on the mound for the Five Nation Redskins and if the burly Texan can control those wild tosses, the Engineers will find plenty of trouble with his speedy delivery.

The Cray-Schaberg duo on the left side of the infield have played pretty consistent ball since the start, but manager Waggoner's troubles start with a big "yelp" at second base. Stan Leonard and Nip Lum have been called to take on this one.

SUNDAY morning's fracas starting at 10 a.m. brings together Asheville's Tennessee

Weekly Wind-up

Last Saturday's near brawl in the Mohawk v. Chung Hwa Maroon game starts the old "hulla balloo" arguments off once again with a big bang. It was a pretty sight, while it lasted, yeah, pretty loud. It's about time the wise ones woke up and did something constructive about the system of getting referees for the games.

The local loop is about the only organized baseball league in the world we've ever heard of, where admission is charged, (50 big cents) and where referees work gratis.

Fifty cents is a lot of money for these ball games—Fifty cents can get a person into any big league ball park to see the New York Yankees murder that ball—It's enough cash to see Bucky Walters dazzle them over, on the mound at Cincinnati or to watch Leo "Lippy" Durocher's daffy Dodgers play real ball over in Brooklyn, with a solid bleacher seat thrown in.

Why not form a referees association, similar to our local basketball referees association.

Chinese Maroon hurler Al Lau seems to have pulled a real fast one on his critics, with two stellar "iron man" mound performances so far this year.

Dizzy Dean, remember the old "dizzer" now with the Chicago Cubs?—He was recently appointed a Cub coach at double his active playing salary—Next in line for the draft: Benny McCoy, Connie Mack's U.S. \$45,000.00 beauty.

Gerry Gosano has the goods that produces starry pitchers—With these Stanley Mohawks on the move inland, the Iroquois Tribe seems to have lost a lot of that old sting and zip—Fact is, there doesn't seem to be any of that marauding spirit which characterized their very performance during the past winter.

The New York Yankees, our favourites since the days we started our A.B.C.'s when Miller Huggins, Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Tony Lazzeri, et al. were in their heyday, appear headed for the well-known pennant trail once again. Joe McCarthy's faith in that sensational rookie key-stoning duo, Phil Rizzuto and Gerry Friday, is already beginning to bear fruit.

A smart key-stone combination is an important cog on any ball team.

—The Sousa-Alves duo just about takes the top spot in the local class Z.Z. sandlot league—Roy Maxwell and Alex Azedo, mainstays on V.R.C.'s championship softball nine, are also sparking the Aquacaders basketball squad—Both have taken to the cage game like a Bostonian takes to clam chowder.

To-day's Lawn Bowls League Schedule

The lawn bowls league schedule for to-day is:

FIRST DIVISION			
Craigengower v. Recrelo "A"			
Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C. Police			
Recrelo "B" v. K.B.G.C. "B"			
K.B.G.C. "A" v. K. Docks			

SECOND DIVISION			
Hongkong C.C. v. Recrelo "C"			
K. Tong v. Kowloon C.C. Prison O.C. v. Craigengower			
Hongkong F.C. v. Kowloon F.C.			

THIRD DIVISION			
K.B.G.C. v. Craigengower			
Kowloon F.C. v. Hongkong F.C.			
Indian R.C. v. Hongkong C.C.			

ans and South China's definite all-season cellar dwellers.

Doe Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Tony Muscavage have been listed to referee.

The dramatic Caroline Hillmen are still tumbling and listing heavily from the ferocious front office squabble, reminiscent of the famous TURN to Page 7, Column Four.

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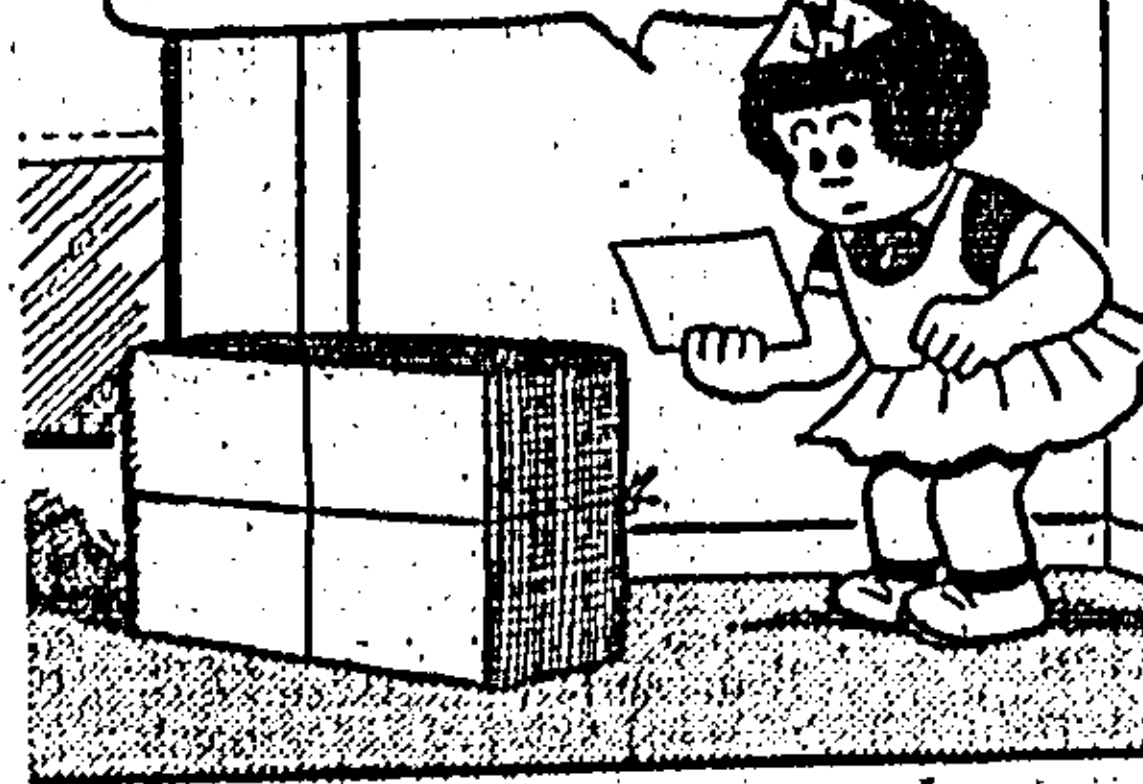
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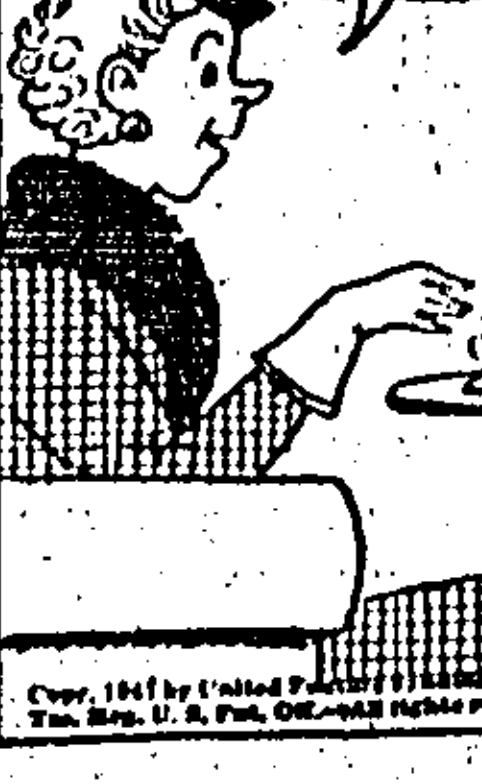
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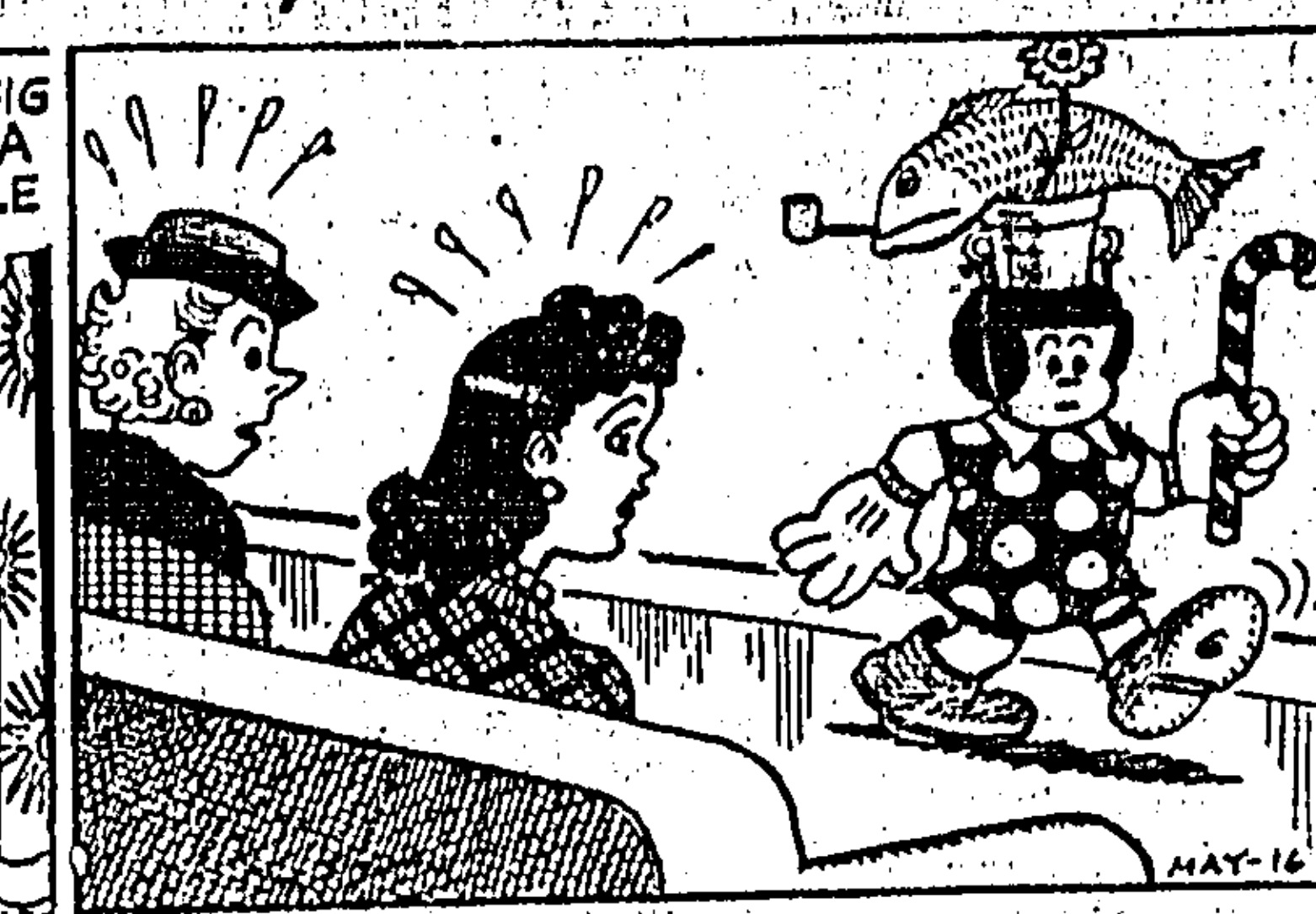
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OH, SHE'S A BIG GIRL NOW—A REAL LITTLE LADY!



By Ernie Bushmiller



Roosevelt's Great July 4 Broadcast

Special to the "Telegraph"

HYDE PARK, July 4 (UP).—In his fourth of July broadcast this evening, President Roosevelt warned that the "United States would never survive as a happy, prosperous oasis of liberty in the midst of a desert of dictatorship."

"When we repeat the great pledge to our country and to our flag, it must be our deep conviction that we pledge as well our work, our will and, if necessary, our lives."

The President declared that in the crisis, Americans have a duty comparable to that of 1776. "In 1776 we waged war on behalf of a great principle—that the Government should derive just power from the consent of the governed. In the century and a half following, this cause of human freedom swept across the world but now in our generation—in the last few years—new practices of the form of several new practices of tyranny have been making such headway that the fundamentals of 1776 are being struck down abroad and threatened here."

Childlike Fantasy
"It is, indeed, a fallacy not based on logic for any American to suggest that the rule of force can defeat human freedom in all other parts of the world, and allow it to survive in the United States alone; but it is that childlike fantasy, that directed faith which has led nation after nation to go about their peaceful tasks relying on the thought, even the promise, that its Government alone would be allowed to live when the juggernaut of force came that way."

Axis Exchange Manipulation In New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
TOKYO, July 4 (Domei).—The recent zooming of Japanese dollar bonds on the New York market despite the continued strain on Japanese-American relations was attributed by Mr. Tetsu Katsuta, Director of the Industrial Research Association, to the extra-market manipulations by Axis residents in the United States in an effort to salvage their funds from the freezing Act of June 14.

In a signed article in the "Yomiuri," Mr. Katsuta asserts that the Axis nationals have apparently been taking dollar funds out of the United States in the form of Japanese bonds with the consequent rise in New York quotations over the Japanese market level which has been pegged at Yen 350,350 since the Government imposed a tax of 0.5 per cent. on the bonds.

The recent gain is a complete reversal from the past tendencies, Mr. Katsuta points out, recalling that the quotations fell from \$100 in 1936 to \$72 following the outbreak of the China war in July, 1937, and also dropped to \$50 after the announcement of the tripartite alliance in September, 1940.

Japanese Ship's Detention

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
MANILA, July 5 (UP).—It is reported that the United States neutrality patrol has detained the Japanese steamer "Nishiki Maru" in order to assure her unloading and to prevent her from carrying United States-bound Philippine exports to Japan.

Meanwhile, shippers here expressed the hope that American ships would be sent to the Orient to pick up cargoes, including those unloaded in Japan.

U.S. Answer To Axis Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
TOKYO, July 4 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun," commenting on the United States' conclusion of a trade agreement with Burma, under which Burma has abolished tonnage tax and discriminatory taxes regarding American imports, retroactively from June 1 in order to increase American assistance to Chungking, characterizes the agreement as an "American reply to the Axis Powers' recognition of the Wang Ching-wei Government."

Spanish Troops To Fight In Russia

VICHY, July 4 (Reuter).—General Muncz Grande, Governor of Algiers, has been appointed to command the Spanish expeditionary force against Russia and is leaving immediately, says a Madrid dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

REGIMENT FLOWN FROM KARACHI

SIMLA, July 4 (Reuter).—It is now disclosed that the King's Own Royal Regiment was flown from Karachi to Iraq when Raschid Ali's rebels heavily invested the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah where, with the permission of the rebel government, women and children had taken refuge.

The battalion landed at Habbaniyah and helped the normal tiny garrison to drive back the enemy. The rebels were actually being pursued when a relieving force accompanied the Regent arrived and the rebellion collapsed.

Captain P. H. Wier and Private John Modemott are awarded the Military Cross and the Military Medal respectively for conspicuous gallantry on May 6 in actions in which the regiment fought.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The improvement in prices noted last week has made a further slight advance and business has been brisk.

Business done during the week
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94 1/2
H.K. Banks \$1,325, \$1,330, \$1,340, \$1,350
Docks \$15.00, \$15.05
Providents \$5.60, \$5.63, \$5.67 1/2
\$5.70, \$5.75
Lands \$34, \$34 1/2
Trams \$16.00, \$16.70, \$16.00, \$17.10
Electricity \$11, \$11 1/2, \$11 1/4
Macao-Electrics \$13 1/4
Cements \$14 1/2, \$14 3/4
Watsons \$10.40, \$10 1/2
Watsons \$80
Hotels \$34
Telephones "O" X.D. \$22 1/4
Dairy Farms \$18 1/2
Sinceres \$2

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,335
Banks of East Asia \$72
Canton Ins \$225
H.K. Fires Ins \$182.50
H.K. Steamboats \$8.50
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Wharves \$9.50
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$34
Realities \$3.10
Chinese Estates \$100
Trams \$17
Stars Ferries \$53.25
Lights "N" \$1.30
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$22.25
Electricity \$21.10
Electricity Rts \$11.10
Telephones X.D. \$22.25
Cements \$8.10
Dairy Farms \$18
Watsons \$10.25

Sellers
Trams \$17.25
Electricity "N" \$21.50
Sales
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94 1/2
H.K. Banks \$1,350
Wharves \$90
Providents \$5.67 1/2, 7/8
Lands \$34
Trams \$17.10
Electricity Rts \$11.25
Telephones X.D. \$22.25
Cements \$14.75
Dairy Farms \$18.50
Sinceres \$2.50

British Internees Break Camp

LONDON, July 4 (Reuter).—Nine British internees recently escaped from the Curragh camp. Three have since been recaptured. An official enquiry into the circumstances of the escape is being held. It is stated by the Eirean Government Information Bureau, on behalf of the Department of Defence to-night.

Training Indians

BOMBAY, July 4 (Reuter).—It is announced that the British Treasury has approved a revenue charge of roughly 2,182,500 to cover the cost of training several thousand technicians for Indian ordnance factories.

RADIO

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Relay to British Forces In the Far East

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12.30 Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 The London Palladium Orchestra and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Florence Desmond in Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Bartok—Quartet No. 2 in A Minor, Op. 17.

The Budapest String Quartet.

7.20 Excerpts from Act II of Mozart's "The Magic Flute".

7.45 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Legende, Op. 17 (Wienlawski).... with Orchestra Des Concerts Colonne.

conducted by Georges Enesco; Minutella (Debussy); Flight of the Bumble-Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov); Danse Espagnole ("La Vida Breve"—Do Falla).

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

8.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

9.00 Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

9.15 The Orchestra Mascotts and Lucienne Boyer (Vocal).

9.45 Local Sport Results.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Magyar Rure and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Summary.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 London Relay—"Happy-Down".

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

To-morrow's Programme

Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1.15-2.30 p.m. and 8.30-11.15 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

10.15-11.15 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from The Methodist Church.

12.15 p.m. Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

12.25 Schumann—Quartet in A Major, Op. 41, No. 3.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

The Yeomen of the Guard; The Gondoliers; "Patience"; The Mikado.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Chabrier—Cottillon—Ballet Music.

2.02 Beethoven—Sonata in B Flat Major, Op. 22.

Artur Schnabel (Piano).

2.30 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.32 A Lyorak Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post".

Examination of Points in Daily Gorman and Italian Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 March Weber and His Orchestra and Mayis Bennett (Soprano).

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Operatic Duets.

9.15 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.30 Schubert—Rondo In A Major.

Honori Temelman (Violin) and the Temelman Chamber Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Two Chopin Pieces.

Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38.

Alfred Cortet (Piano); Scherzo No. 1 in B Minor, Op. 20.... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 The Kentucky Minstrels.

10.30 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Minister of the Church of England.

10.50 Organ Solos.

11.10 Message from a representative of Hongkong Chinese to Chungking on the Fourth Anniversary of the outbreak of War in China, by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.M.S.

11.15 Close Down.

Summer Soccer In Scotland
Glasgow, July 4.
In the replayed second round match in the Scottish summer soccer cup today Hibernians beat Clyde 2-1 and now meet Duiston in the semi-final to-morrow when Hibs will also oppose Rangers.—Reuter.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Nose Out Cardinals

NEW YORK, July 4 (UP).—Chicago Cubs edged out St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 in the closest game in the National Baseball League to-day. Cincinnati Reds blasted the Pirates 6-0, while in the American circuit Chicago White Sox nosed out Detroit Tigers 3-2.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis: White, Gumbert, Mancuso.

Batteries: Olsen, Page, McCullough.

Physburg: Lanning, Dittz, Etrivcelevh.

Lopez, Baker.

Batteries: Walters, Lombardi.

Philadelphia: Rodgers, Beck, Livingston.

Batteries: Tobin, Mail.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago: Lee, Treash.

Batteries: Brown, Feller, Henneley.

Cleveland: Secor.

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Indo-China Bank Pact With Tokyo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, July 4 (Domei).—A Japan-French Indo-China banking agreement was signed to-day between the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Bank of French Indo-China, the Finance Ministry announced.

The new agreement becomes effective July 5. It provides:

1. The Bank of Indo-China will open a general yen current account and a special account relation to rice transactions for the Yokohama Specie Bank, while the Yokohama Specie Bank will open a general piastre currency account for the Bank of Indo-China.

2. In case the French Indo-China Bank requires a yen fund, the Yokohama Specie Bank will advance the needed sum in yen in return for the piastre currency and vice versa.

3. The yen and piastre funds possessed by the two banks at the conclusion of the agreement and also the yen fund excepting that accruing from the export of rice and the piastre fund created by the barter or other commercial transactions will be incorporated in the yen and piastre accounts.

Balance In Gold

4. Accounts in the two banks will be balanced against each other at the end of every month and the balance will be paid in United States Dollars. Consultation will be made regarding the payment in gold or the currencies which can be converted into gold.

5. The special account relating to rice transactions will cover the settlement of accounts concerning the export of rice and the yen fund paid in this account will be deferred for one year after payment and be converted into the general account in the French Indo-China Bank.

For Three Years

6. The present agreement will remain in force for three years and its validity will be extended by one year unless either of the contracting parties notifies its termination six months before its expiry.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Iso Kawada, said that there was no doubt that the commercial transactions between Japan and French Indo-China will be promoted on the basis of the effective economic agreement aiming at co-existence and co-prosperity in East Asia.

Tournament Bowls

Meyer Scores Six On Last Head To Win

Open Rinks Matches

THOUGH two of the three matches in the Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship played yesterday were won by wide margins, in the third it was only the last head that J. G. Meyer's four beat a young K.C.C. rink skipped by N. E. Mackay 23-17.

This third game was played at the Club de Recreio, and after a stern struggle which left neither rink with any great advantage at any time, the score reached 19-17 at the time of rolling the 21st head.

When the skips went down to bowl, Meyer was lying one, and there was no alteration to this until the last wood was sent down.

The Bowling Green skip took out the K.C.C. second counter, and presented his men (A. E. Atkins, G. E. Thompson, and H. White) with a six and victory by four wickets.

Mackay's four comprised A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman and D. Hung.

Big Win For Abbas

M. R. Abbas (J. Hoosen, A. M. Rumliah and A. R. Dallah), one of the strongest rinks in the competition, beat A. Spary (H. Glittins, T. K. Lim and W. J. Howard) 30-10 at Craigengower.

Spary was dead out of luck. Many of his shots missed by the narrowest of margins. The game continued from where it was left on Sunday last—at 8-3 in Abbas's favour—and by the 7th end, Spary had drawn up to 7-3.

Over the next three heads, however, they were forced to concede eight shots (2, 2, 3) and were led 10-7. A second effort by Spary's four brought them up to 10-10, but over the last nine heads, Abbas's rink scored no less than 20 shots without reply.

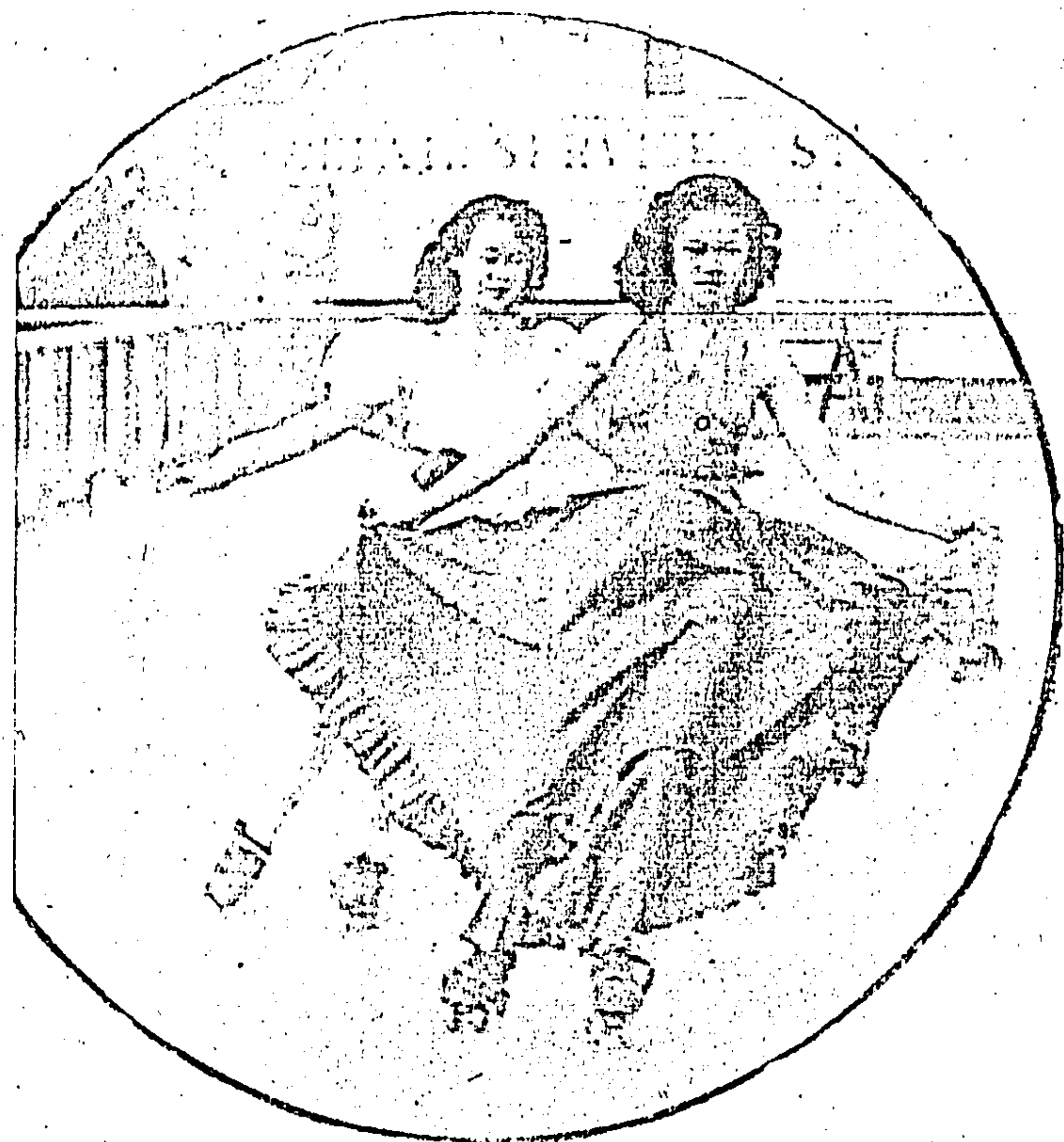
Well Beaten

M. I. Razack, A. K. Sulfad, A. J. Coelho and A. H. Rumliah, who well beaten men for men by H. J. Hickell, C. W. Elphick, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan when they returned their postponed game on the K.C.C. green. Final score was 20

The torpedoing of the Norwegian motor freighter Fernplane on May 1 was reported in maritime circles today.

Word of the loss of the 4,310-ton ship was received from Blisau, Portuguese Guinea, where 35 survivors of the ship were landed. No other details were available.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1941.



Happy, carefree scenes such as that at right may be encountered any fine afternoon at any of the Colony's skating rinks. Skating is thrilling and pleasant exercise. Grace of movement is well shown in the picture of two pretty Chinese girls at the left.

ROLLER-SKATING

HONGKONG'S NEW SUMMER SPORT



Below:—A young skater goes through her tricks.

DO YOU WANT to banish Dame Care and tell Old Man Worry to go to the blazes? Of course, you do. Then why not join the growing army of local enthusiasts who have taken up so eagerly Hongkong's latest sporting fad—roller-skating?

There's room for everyone at the seven or eight skating rinks now established in the Colony, and even though you haven't roller-skated since childhood, there's no reason why you shouldn't try again. The sport has all the verve that brings back those carefree days of boyhood when you and I chased each other down the village pavement, skimming along on our pedal chariots like winged Mercuries speeding on errands for the gods of old Olympus. What glorious fun we had!

Now on the cemented floors of the Colony's skating rinks, the thrills of roller-skating that captivated us body and soul when we were youngsters have been re-created in all their varied novelty. Scurrying over the hard surface of the rink like dare-devil hockey players at a Canadian ice carnival, we wind in and out of the happy, pleasure-seeking throng of youth and age, cracklejack skaters and stumbling tyros. The dull roar of whirling wheels, the bustle of delighted laughter and the lilting dance tunes from the electric symphonola fed with ten-cent pieces create a captivating atmosphere.

The roller-skating rink is a comparative newcomer to China. Introduced some four or five years ago into Shanghai by some go-getting Yankee promoter, it immediately made a hit. The Chinese gave the sport a big hand, and skating rinks sprang up like mushrooms after rain. The cosmopolitan crowd of China's premier seaport took to roller-skating as naturally as Donald Duck's feathered tribe takes to water, and soon every Shanghai citizen was roller-skating conscious. Carried along on the crest of the wave of sudden popularity, Shanghai importers with American business connections reaped fortunes in catering to the unprecedented demand for roller-skates.

In the United States, the "ancestral home" of the

roller skate, the public skating rink has been in vogue for over a quarter of a century. Though rinks abound in all the big cities, the popular demand at present seems to be for those of the ice variety ever since comely Sonja Henie made cutting capers on ice skates a major box office attraction for Hollywood's movie moguls.

Don't get the impression, however, that roller-skating is on the decline in the land of the free; on the contrary it is taken so seriously there that the large department stores often provide their messenger boys with the wheeled pedal appendages in order to speed-up inter-departmental efficiency. As a result of this pepping up of roller-skating activities in business, the skating rinks are well attended. In large cities, you can't go barging over the pavement with impunity as you may do in small towns, and if you want to roller-skate, you generally have to do it in the arena of a capacious rink. This means of course, encouraging the sport so that it has become a hardy perennial.

Notwithstanding the infancy of the roller-skating rink in Hongkong, it has already proved itself a lusty toddler. The first rink established in the Causeway Bay area a little over a year ago was a phenomenal success. Seven rinks are now in active operation. In addition, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Bridges Street maintains a rink, but this is for the use of members only.

As it is claimed that a beginner can learn to roller-skate in two hours' time, the existing rinks are thronged with eager fans. In some establishments, simple designs on the walls show beginners the correct method of learning to skate, gaining speed and performing stunts.

A visit to any of the local rinks is an interesting experience, as it reveals how enthusiastically the new diversion is greeted by the Hongkong sports-loving public.

By T. Paul Gregory

Further typical rink scenes are depicted below. The joy of the sport dispels all gloom, and smiling faces are everywhere seen.





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Movies

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Brigham Young was the fiery, Bible-punching Mormon leader who succeeded Joseph Smith—no head of the Mormon movement in 1844.

Smith was shot dead in prison while awaiting trial for his "treasonable" principles, one of them being the doctrine of "plural marriages"—in other words, polygamy.

So, although "Holy Joe" appears in the opening of the film (Brigham Young, showing at the King's) as founder of the faith, he soon disappears in a scene of mob violence. For the anti-Mormon rabble go "volunteering" fire the jail, shoot up the jailers, and send Joe crashing through a window to his death.

The film, though dealing with Mormonism, is not about the founder of Mormonism. It is about the heading up of the Mormons and their flight from Illinois, 1,400 miles across the Rocky Mountains, to Salt Lake Valley.

"This exodus was Brigham Young's achievement. As for his wife—

well, when he takes as far as Council Bluffs in the Indian country a settler puts a few questions to him, and then adds: "And—er—how many—?"

"Twelve," says Brigham promptly, and settles a point that had worried me. Because you want to know about the wives. And this isn't about the wives. It's about the persecution, bigotry and hatred that accompany religion, the endless persecutions of good men holding simple faiths.

There mobs and brigands, hounding the Mormons from their homes, pillaging, looting and murdering, are topical, though they lived a hundred years ago.

Forty-five-year-old Dean Jagger, who plays Brigham Young, is a name new to stardom. With his fine voice, dominating eye, and bluff simplicity, you feel he has really understood Brigham and makes him live.

Mary Astor as Brigham's "favorite wife" does very well, and so do Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell.

"This exodus was Brigham Young's achievement. As for his wife—

BOOM TOWN

Four stars, Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr, are cast together in "Boom Town," one of the most successful films that has come out of the Metro-Goldwyn-Major studios.

Uniting four stars in one picture is justified only if the story is itself worth its salt, and in James Edward Grant's Cosmopolitan Magazine serial, "A Lady Comes to Burkburnett," the producers have found something solid and interesting.

The story is a cavalcade of the oil industry. It is not told from the big business angle, but rather from that of the men who gamble their lives and fortunes to pry wealth from the earth's very bowels, and from that of the women who love these men of action.

The action sweeps from the oil fields of Texas, California, Arizona and Oklahoma to the jungles of Central America, and into the drawing rooms of social and political Washington—tossing the wild and lawless Burkburnett into swanky Manhattan penthouses. It is an ever-shifting background, made to match the tireless action of an exciting story.

The film has a certain amount of "primitive" appeal, but interest is well sustained throughout, and have bestowed upon the film this title by an overwhelming vote. Judy was notified of her selection by States Naval Reserve, arrived at the Private Judge T. Brady, who wrote: "Maybe you're already bid for, but 'Barnacle Bill,' to discover that it the boys of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Infantry would like to inform you of your selection as 'our sweetheart.' You're a favourite with the fellows everywhere in the Army because you send us away from the theatre singing and happy."

"Boom Town" is showing at the Queen's and Alhambra.

SOUTH OF PAGO PAGO

A somewhat similar theme is presented in "South of Pago Pago," as in "White Shadows in the South Seas," the greed of white pearl fishers turns a "tropical paradise into a hell."

Jon Hall as a native leader is physically fitted to the part and portrays it, too, with no mean ability. Victor McLaglen as the pearl fishery pirate is justly wicked and Francis Farmer gives a good study as a saloon girl who marries the native and is killed when her husband whom she has tricked is riding the island of the white curse.

Very good character studies come from Olympe Bradna, Douglas Lambrie and Gene Lockhart.

Settings are exceedingly picturesque.

The film is the current feature at the Lee Theatre.



Jon Hall and Olympe Bradna in a romantic scene from "South of Pago Pago," showing to-day at the Lee Theatre.



"Road Show," the new Hal Roach comedy-drama, is due to be shown here shortly. Two leading characters, Adolphe Menjou and Carol Landis, are seen above.

THE NEW REEF

"Judy Garland—Sweetheart of the Army!" Soldiers of the 17th Infantry at Fort Ord, Monterey, California, are working but a stone's throw away from Judy Garland. Judy, who is a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Naval Reserve, arrived at the Private Judge T. Brady, who wrote: "Maybe you're already bid for, but 'Barnacle Bill,' to discover that it the boys of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Infantry would like to inform you of your selection as 'our sweetheart.' You're a favourite with the fellows everywhere in the Army because you send us away from the theatre singing and happy."

Lana Turner is a girl who loves beautiful clothes. One of the reasons she was so anxious to play the role of Sheila Reagan in "Ziegfeld Girl" was because she could have such a spectacular wardrobe. But it looks as if that's the end of it for awhile. In "De Jekyll" and "Mr Hyde" she wore hoop skirts. When she heard she was to co-star in "Honky Tonk" with Clark Gable, she dashed into the wardrobe department and asked, "What do I wear?" "Fur coats," they told her. "Mink? Sable?" Lana asked excitedly. But the answer was, "You're supposed to be a dance hall girl in Alaska. 'We're just dusting off our best old moth-eaten seal.'"

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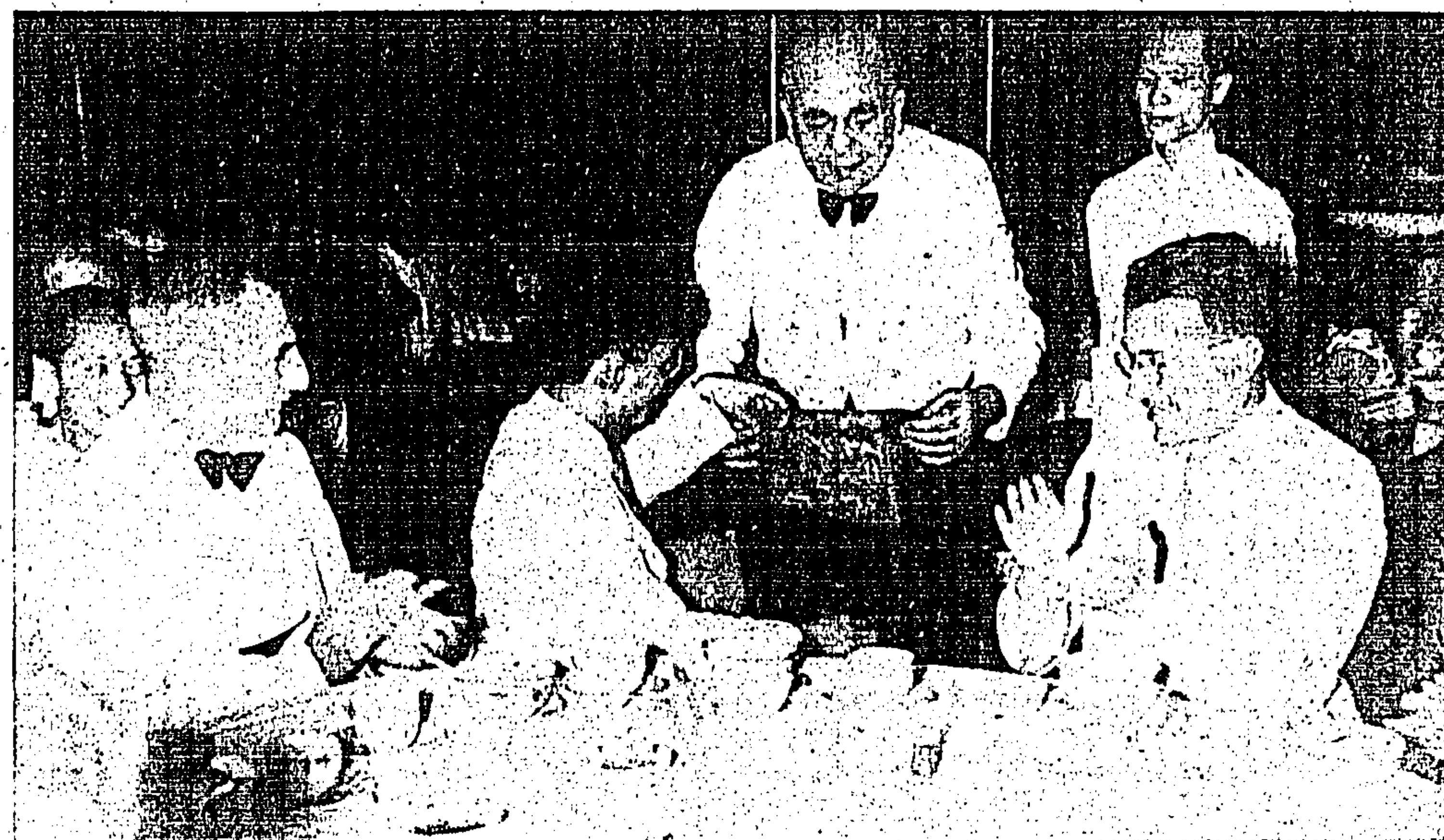
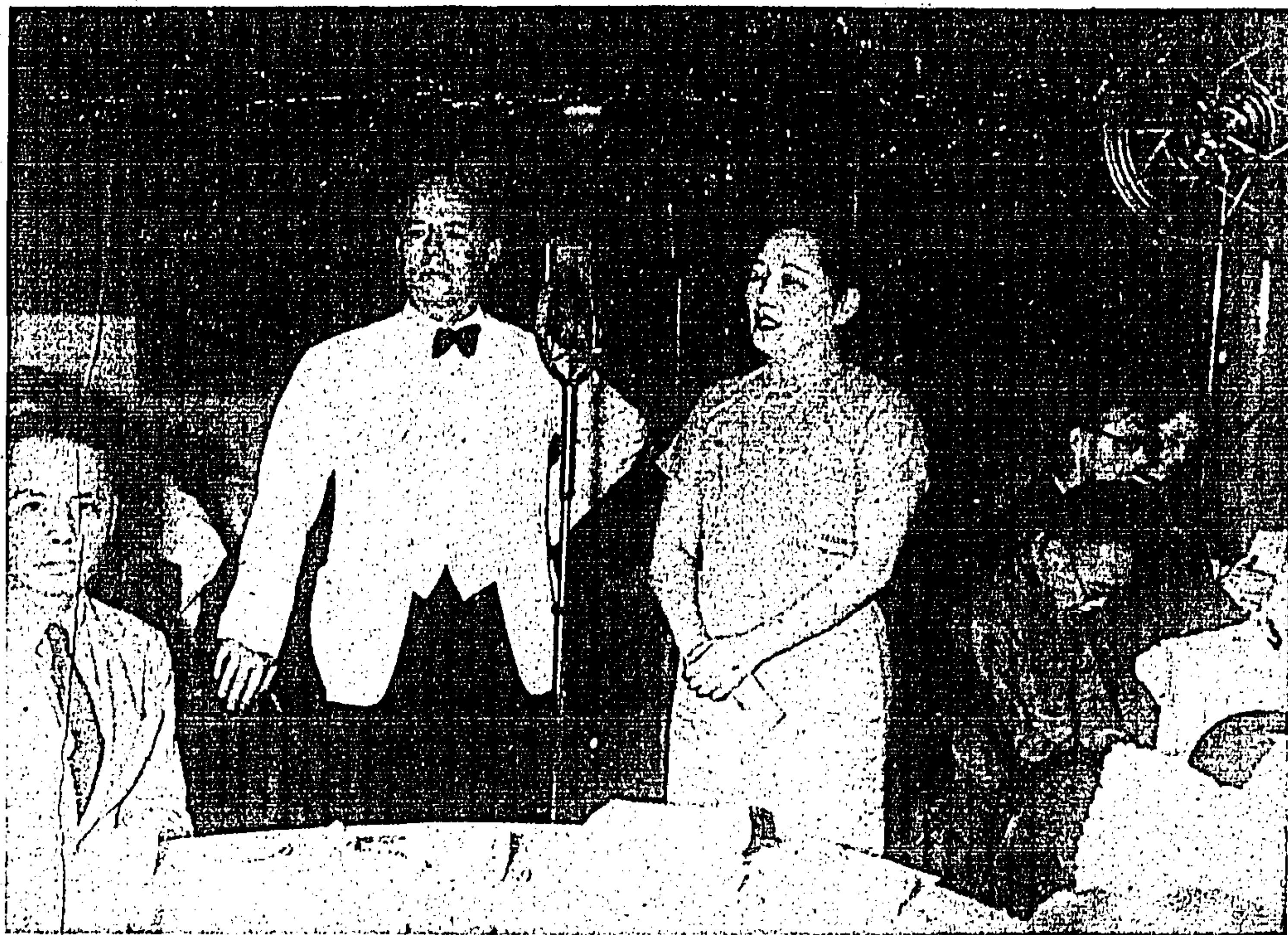
BY KEMP STARRETT

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN

The inaugural dinner of the Bowl of Rice Campaign to raise funds for Chinese war relief was held in the Ying King Restaurant on Tuesday evening. The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, chairman of the Campaign Committee, is seen in the photograph on the right, addressing the large gathering. Mr Evert Barger, leader of the British Relief Unit in China, who has just returned to Hongkong after a year in the interior, is at the extreme right of the picture. With Mr Lo in the photograph below is Madame Sun Yat-sen, who also spoke. Dr Robert Lim, Director of the Field Service of the Chinese Red Cross, is seen in left foreground.



Above:—Mr Ko Fook-sun, who bought one of the embroidered scrolls that were auctioned on the occasion, receiving the article from General Morris Cohen. With Mr Ko at the table are the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, and the Rev. J. Stainer. In the picture at the left are Mrs H. Selwyn-Clarke, Honorary Secretary of the Campaign, Commodore A. C. Collinson, Mr B. C. Lawrence and Mr Shou J. Chen. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



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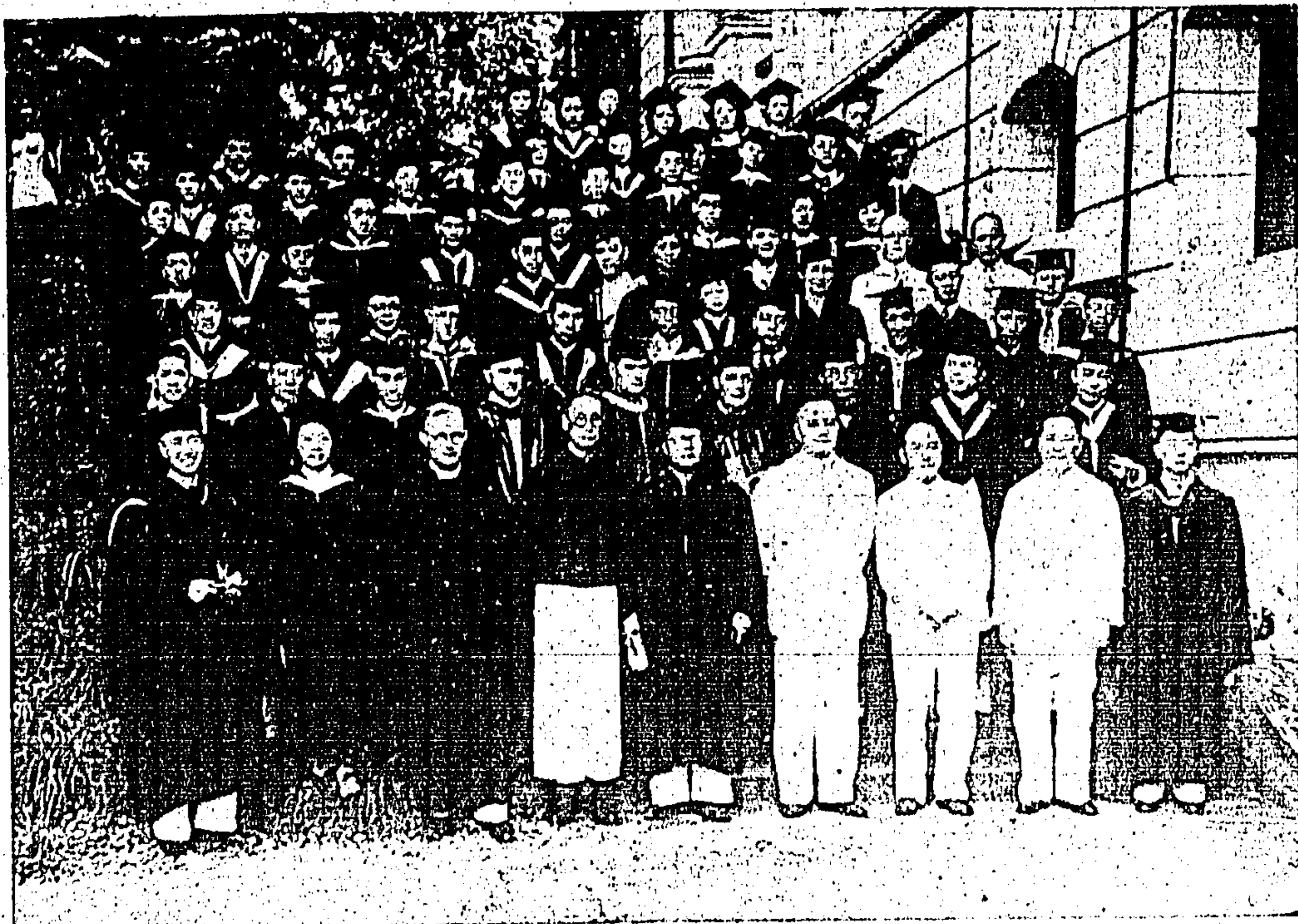
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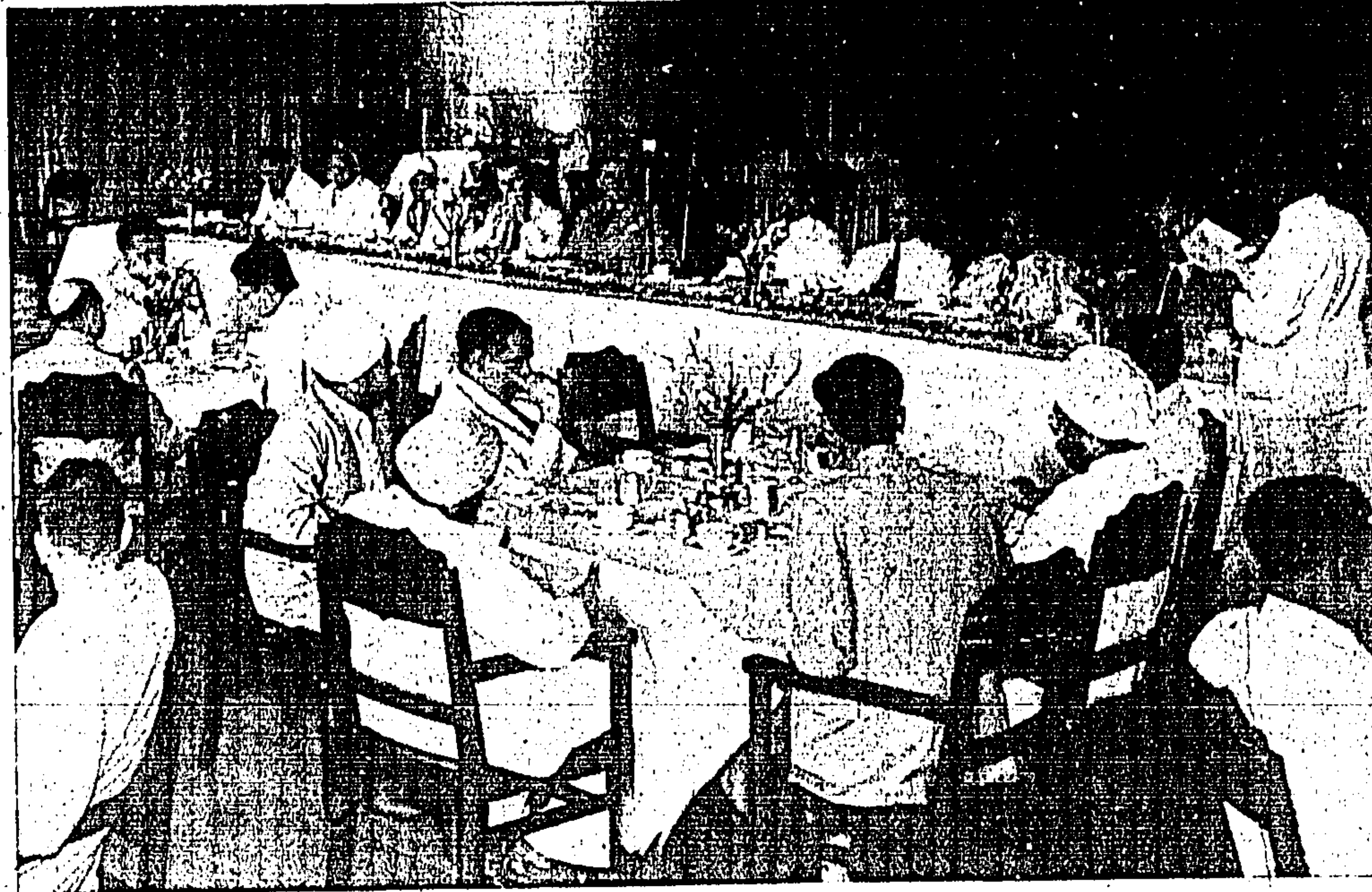
BASKETBALLERS' DEBUT—The Victoria Recreation Club and Panthers (ladies) basketball teams made a successful debut last Saturday. Right, the Panthers. Front row (left to right) Thelma Marques, Margio Xavier, Celesto Marques (Captain), Carman Oxorio; back row, Teresa Marques, Celesto Gutierrez, Lilia Xavier, Vivien Rull. Below, the V.R.C. team. Front row (left to right) A. Alves, P. Rull, J. Xavier, M. Gutierrez; back row, Chang Yuk-kwan (Coach), E. Rosario, R. Maxwell, G. A. Yvanovich, J. A. Remedios, L. Rosario, A. Azedo (Captain), A. A. Noronha (Manager).



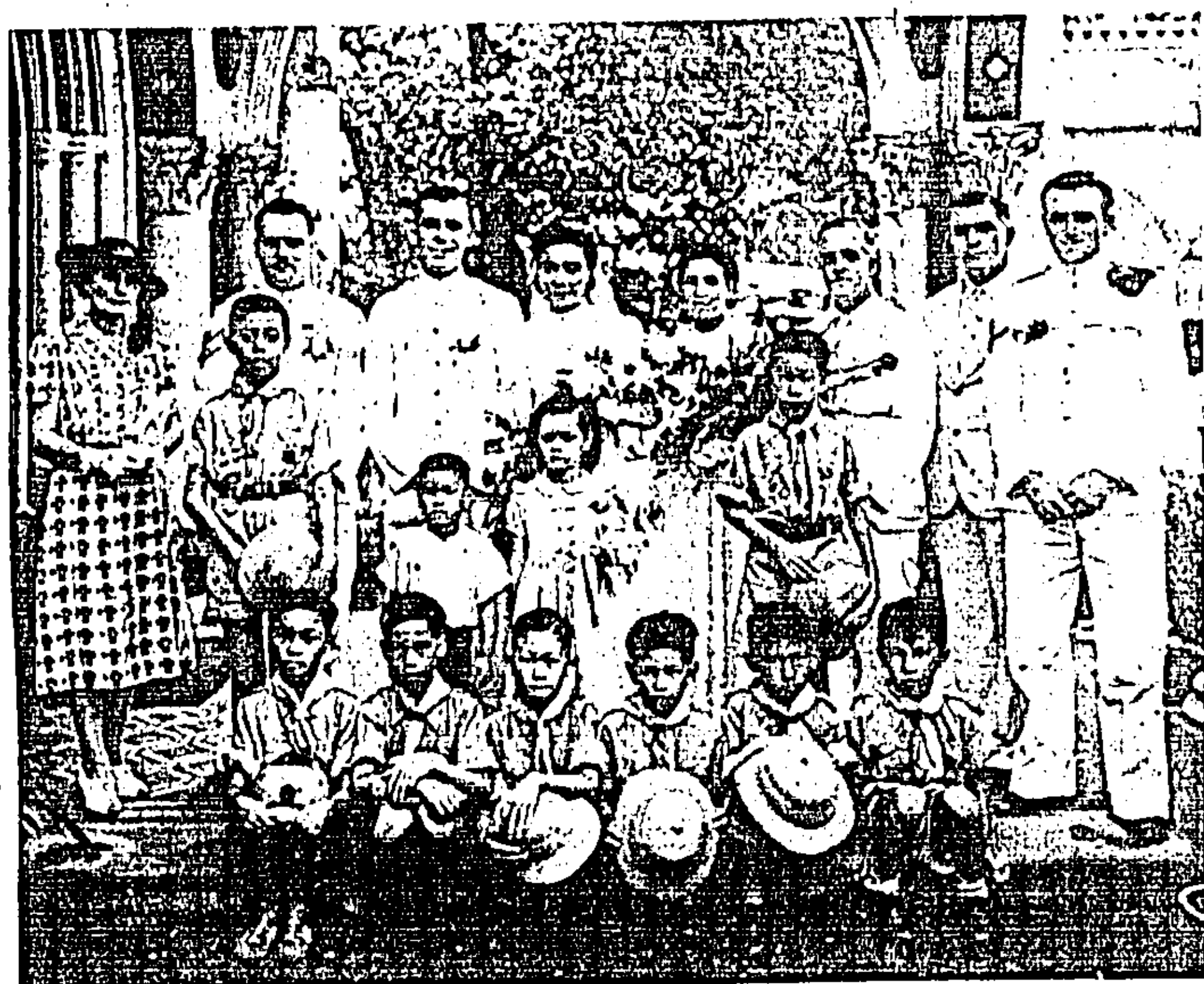
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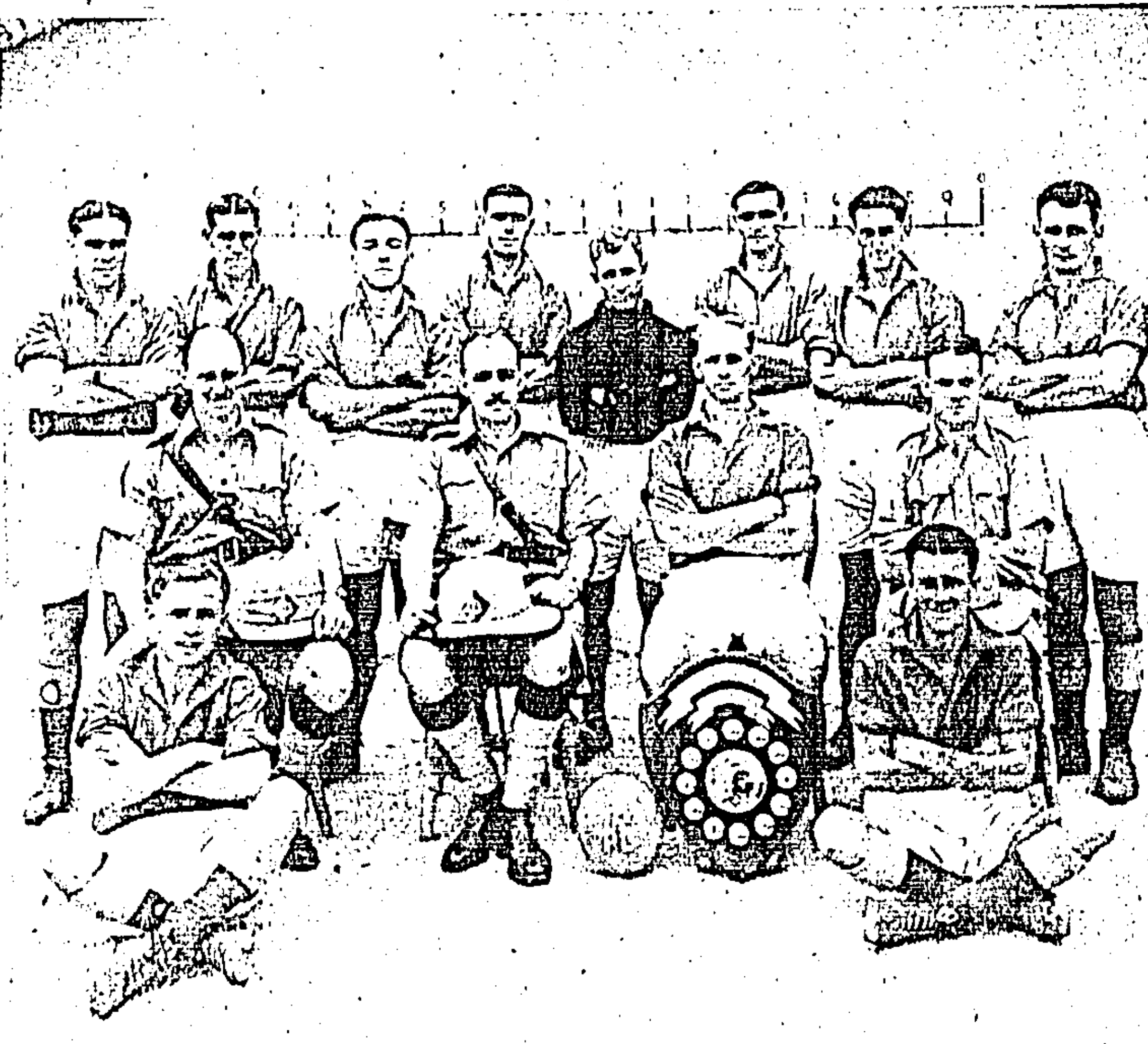
LINGNAN UNIVERSITY graduates who received their degrees at the 23rd graduation ceremony held in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University are here photographed with staff members of the different Faculties and guests. In the centre of the front row is Dr Leo Ying-lam, President of Lingnan. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



INDIANS HONOUR GOVERNOR—Picture taken at the Gloucester Hotel last week when the Indian Association of Hongkong entertained His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. At the official table are seen (left to right) Mr D. Ruttonjee, Mr R. A. Dastur, Mr B. Singh, the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada o Castro Jnr., H.E. the Governor, Mr H. Ruttonjee (President), the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Mr A. Vaswani and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



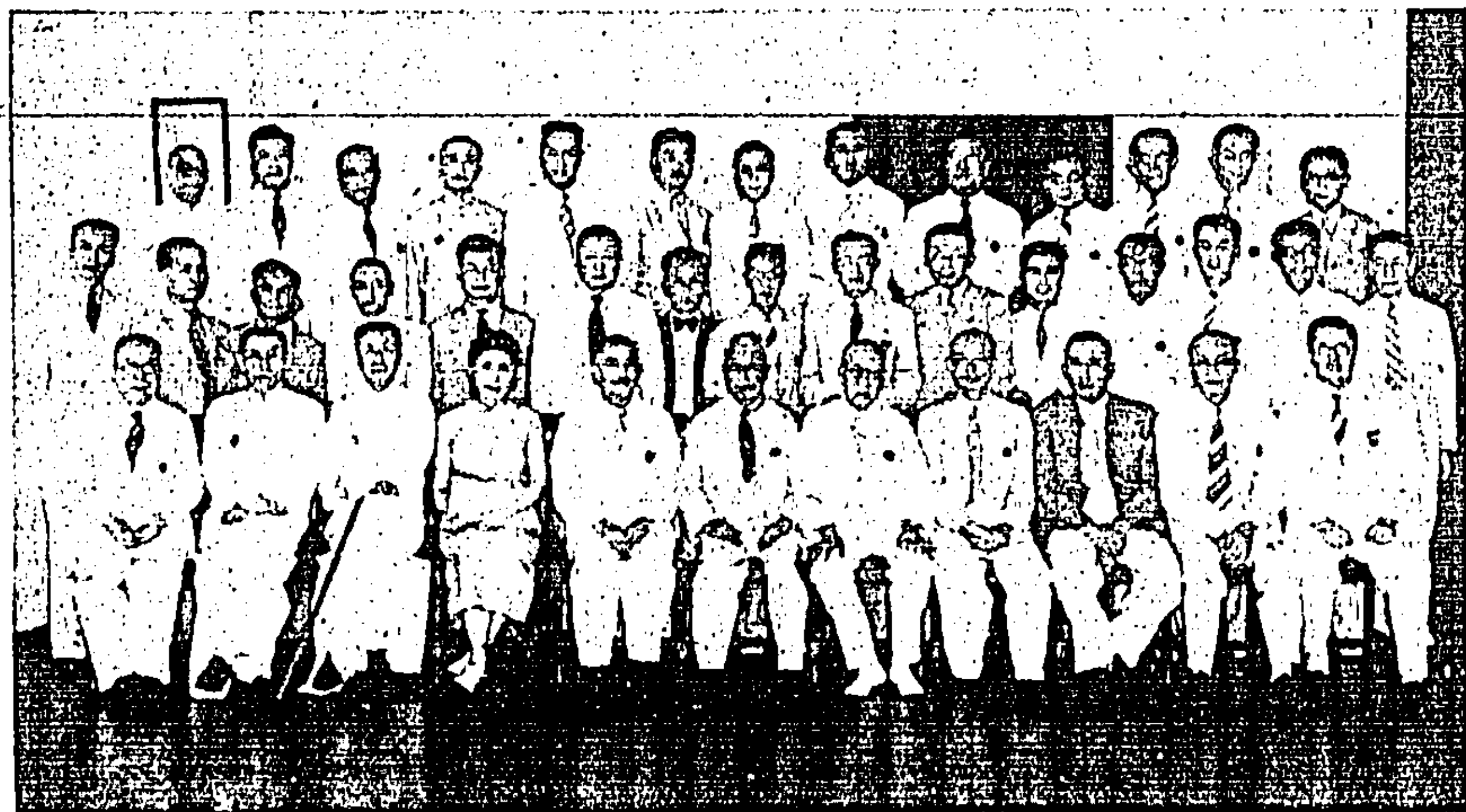
CATHOLIC WEDDING—Mr J. J. Ball and Miss Dolores Chan, who were married last week at St Joseph's Church, photographed with their attendants and friends after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



FOOTBALL TEAM of the 12th Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, winners of the Weller Inter-Platoon Challenge Shield. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



AT ST TERESA'S CHURCH last Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr B. P. C. Fletcher and Miss Eloisa Valasquez-Vazquez. Photo shows the happy couple with their attendants. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHINESE RECONSTRUCTION—With the aim of co-operating in the economic reconstruction of China, an Overseas Chinese Economic Reconstruction Society has been formed. Photo was taken at the inaugural meeting held at the Chinese Merchants' Club here. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS—The 1941 graduation class of the True Light Middle School photographed at the recent exercises which marked the end of the school year. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

HOCKEY PLAYER "FINDS" LOST FORM

AT THE DOCTOR'S

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"(THINKS) I AM AFRAID JACK AND GEORGE ARE RIGHT. MY GAME HAS COME TO PIECES LATELY. IT'S LUCKY I OVERHEARD THEM IN THE SHOWERS THIS AFTERNOON. CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. USED TO BE GOOD FOR A COUPLE OF GOALS IN FIRST CLASS. MUST SEE A DOCTOR."

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WEEK-END WIT

Wife's Worry

"For months I couldn't figure out where my husband spent his evenings, and then one night—
"Yes, what happened?"
"Well, I came home and there he was!"

Seeing's Believing

Circus Manager: "Why that star equine of ours wants to divorce one tattooed man to marry another tattooed man beats me!"
Assistant: "Her doctor recommended a change of scenery."

Q.E.D.

A man's thought, says a scientist, are seldom level when his mind is on a curve.

Efficient

Complainant: "She's thrown things at me ever since we were married."
Magistrate: "And now, after twenty years, you are asking the court's protection?"
Complainant: "Well, sir, her aim's getting good."

Points of View

An optimist is one whose glass is half full, a pessimist is one whose glass is half empty.

Precocity

Old Lady: "Are you a little boy or a little girl?"
Precocious Child: "What else would I be?"

Sweet

Many a honey has been carried away by a busy bee.

Done Enough

Expectant Father: "Er—is—er—there anything I can do?"
Nurse: "No. You've done quite enough."

He Was!

First Army Dentist: "Was that soldier surprised when he found you'd pulled out all his teeth?"
Second Army Dentist: "Was he? You should have seen his face."

Doing Their Duty

During A.P. exercises, a warden received notification that a bomb had hit a public-house. His report to headquarters was: "No casualties. No trace of gas. Big escape of beer. We are doing our best to stem flow."

Adonis

Sailor: "Another fellow and I were shipwrecked on a desert island with a beautiful blonde."
Listener: "Was the other fellow better looking than you were?"
Sailor: "No, I was the one who found her every time she hid."

Up In Arms

"My wife won't go to bed until four a.m. and I can't break her of the habit."
"What does she do all that time?"
"Waits up for me!"

Her Error

She: "Officer, I'm sure there's a man following me."
Policeman: "Miss, you're mistaken."
She: "How's that?"
Policeman: "There are at least a dozen men following you."

Clock-Watcher

"He is always watching the clock, and yet gets on nicely in his job."
"What's his job?"
"Radio announcer."

Exchangeable

The recruits were having their first lesson in the use of the parachute.
"Now," said the instructor, "if anything goes wrong in the air, just jump out, count three and pull this ring, and you'll land as soft as a sudden's kiss. If it doesn't open, bring it back and we'll give you another one."

It Hurts Now!

"How did you get that bump on your head?"
"The wife threw her hat at me."
"But surely that wouldn't hurt you?"
"I hit! She's a warden now!"

What Then?

Doctor: "Now don't worry about your wife. You'll have a different woman when she returns from hospital."
Husband: "But what if she finds out, doctor?"

Hollywood Husband

Hollywood's definition of a husband—"What's left of a sweetheart, after the nerve's been cut off."

Cool and Collected

In the early hours of the morning the siren went. All the hotel guests dashed down to the air-raid shelter in various stages of attire—all except one young man.

Five minutes later he walked in, and started to boast.
"Why all the hurry?" he said. "I stayed behind to dress. Why, I didn't like my first choice of tie, so I changed it!"
"Fing," said one of the other guests quietly. "But where's your trousers?"

CONTRACT BRIDGE

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Beautiful Lead

In the selection of the opening lead, it was South's misfortune that judgment is not the only vital ingredient—the leader also requires the simple quality known as nerves, bidding very intently and it was clear to-day's hand, in which a slam contract was at stake is a case in point.

Rubber bridge.
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

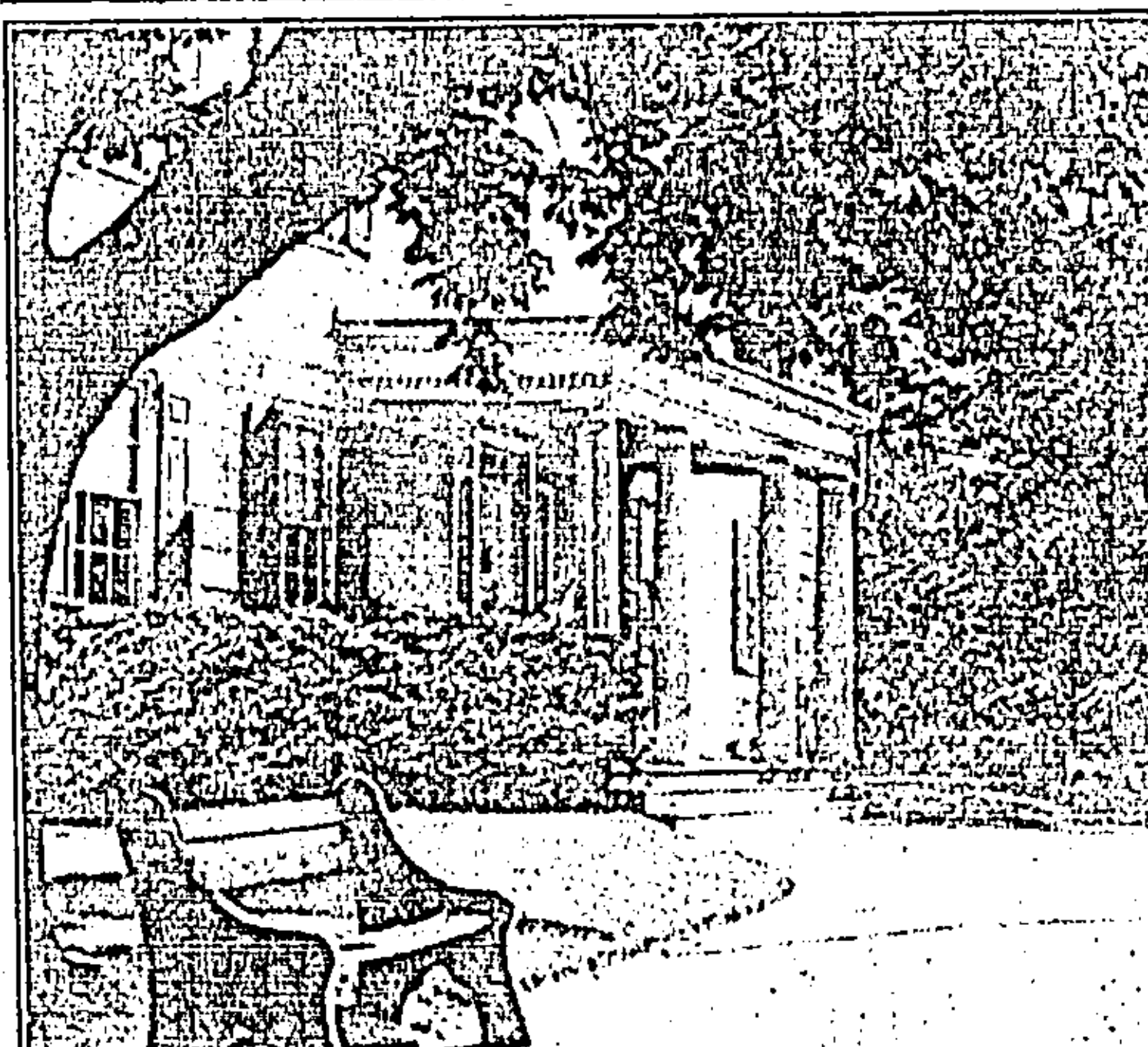
♠ Q 8 4
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 0
♣ A J 0
 ♠ 7 3
♥ A 7 4 3 2
♦ J 6 4
♣ 8 5 2
 ♠ J 6
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ 10 9 7 2
♣ 10 9 3
 ♠ A K 10 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ 8
♣ K Q 7 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
 6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

North-South were not using a slam convention, hence North's four club bid was intended partly as a cue bid, showing control, and partly as a head-splitting problem to solve. It is highly unusual, to say the least, for a player to lead away from an ace on a slam looked better than ever, but there was still the heart situation to be considered, hence having bid very strongly up to this point, North now contemplated himself with supporting most every declarer—expert, average, or dub—would do. East, of course, his partner, in the absence of some indication that North could control hearts, South's decision to bid the slam was distinctly optimistic, but one thing is certain and that is that it would have turned out splendidly against almost all defenders.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

PICTURING THE HOUSE



A good camera position, sunshine striking at an angle, and a tree for "framing"—all help make a pleasing home picture. Good shots at home are easy with any camera.

HOW many good pictures of your home do you have in the snapshot collection? And are they really good ones? You know, it's just as easy to take a good picture as any other kind—and much more satisfying.

Most folks made two mistakes in picturing a house. First they choose the wrong viewpoint; second, they tilt the camera upward. Maybe you don't make those mistakes—and if that's the case, your pictures of home are probably better than average. Good camera position, and a properly levelled camera, are "half the picture."

A straight front view of a house is seldom the best view. Usually a diagonal view—the way you first see the house as you come along the street—is preferable. It's less formal, and more natural. This is the view chosen for the house in the picture above—obviously more attractive than a "head-on" shot.

The level camera is important because, if you tilt the camera up, the house appears to tilt in your picture. This can be avoided by shooting from a greater distance, which enables you to get all the house in without tilting the lens upward. Or, you can shoot from a higher position, which helps too.

A sunny day is best for house pictures. Pick an hour when the sun strikes at an angle, as this shows up the details—the lines of the weatherboarding, the window outlines, and other features. You do not need to show all of the house in every picture. An attractive doorway or window bay, a gabled end—these alone make highly effective shots. "Framing" also lends attractiveness. Notice in the picture above how the large tree and overhanging branches have been used to make a pleasant natural "frame."

Try these ideas on your house. They're simple—but they yield the best shots—and your home should be all means be presented attractively in the album.

John van Guilder

BOOK OF THE WEEK

THREE FAMOUS CHINESE SISTERS

(The following review of Emily Hahn's widely-discussed new book, "The Soong Sisters," was written by Nym Wales (Mrs. Edgar Snow) and appeared in a recent issue of "The Nation," published in New York.)

The famous Soong sisters are already fairly well known to Americans, though this reviewer knows of only one other full-length biography—"Three Sisters," written by Pearl Buck's sister, Cornelia Spencer, which appeared in 1939.

Emily Hahn is the clever American novelist whose sketches and stories are familiar to readers of "The New Yorker." She has lived in China during the past five years, and her material for "The Soong Sisters" was collected with the co-operation of Madame H. H. Kung and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The elusive Madame Sun Yat-sen, however, refused to be interviewed and was, therefore, rather neglected and misinterpreted in the story. This has always been the stumbling block confronting writers who have aspired to do such a composite biography. Evidently Madame Sun prefers not to be considered a pillar of the ruling "Soong dynasty," but an independent torch-bearer for her husband's revolutionary principles. For her own story, we shall doubtless have to await an autobiography.

The Soong family is the most fascinating human-interest story in China, and Miss Hahn has made good use of her material, especially in the case of the father, Charlie Soong, and in giving a new personal portrait of Madame Kung, least known of the three sisters. The author, however, failed to make the most important point

about Madame Kung, which is that her financial wizardry has built up what is probably the greatest personal fortune in modern Chinese history. With delicate irony Miss Hahn merely remarks that Madame Kung learned "how much science there is in banking."

The Father

This Soong family is almost as much American as it is Chinese, though we have few family Alger stories to match its history. Apprentice Charlie Soong ran away from his uncle's shop in Boston to become cabin-boy on a coastal side-wheeler. He wanted a modern education and was adopted by a Confederate general, who sent him through Vanderbilt University. Charlie went to Shanghai in 1886 as a preacher for the Southern Methodist Church, but made his fortune selling Bibles and foreign machinery.

He married the daughter of one of the earliest Christian families in China, and their six children were all educated in the United States from an early age. The three attractive and highly intelligent daughters were sent to Wesleyan College for Women at Macon, Georgia (Eling, usually spelled Ai-ling), and Chingling at the age of fifteen, and Mayling at nine.

Idol Of People

Charlie Soong was a secret follower of Sun Yat-sen, "Father of the Chinese Revolution," and has made good use of her material, especially in the case of the father, Charlie Soong, and in giving a new personal portrait of Madame Kung, least known of the three sisters. The author, however, failed to make the most important point

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. She rules more than 60,000,000 people, and is the only reigning queen of an empire. Who is she?
2. For whom was the State of Pennsylvania named?
3. Where is "Hell's Corner"?
4. Which of the following words are misspelled—Guilotine, frieze, dessicate, corroborate, annihilate, parallel.
5. Poppaea Sabina was a (a) film star (b) character in a cartoon strip. (c) brand of face powder (d) Roman beauty.
6. What cloth has a direct reference to royalty in its name?
7. What does OPM stand for?
8. An erg is a (a) measure of energy (b) Swiss mountain (c) kind of mammal (d) playing process.
9. When did Egypt become a Protectorate? Until when?
10. What have these in common—Etesian, harmattan, kamsin, pampero, sirocco?

Answers on Page 12.

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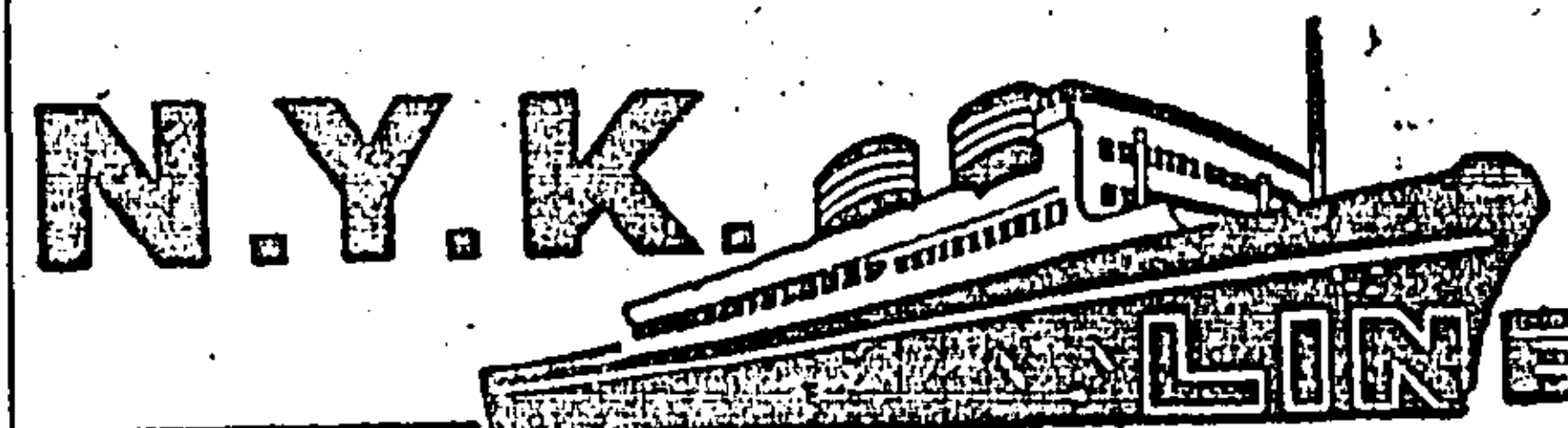
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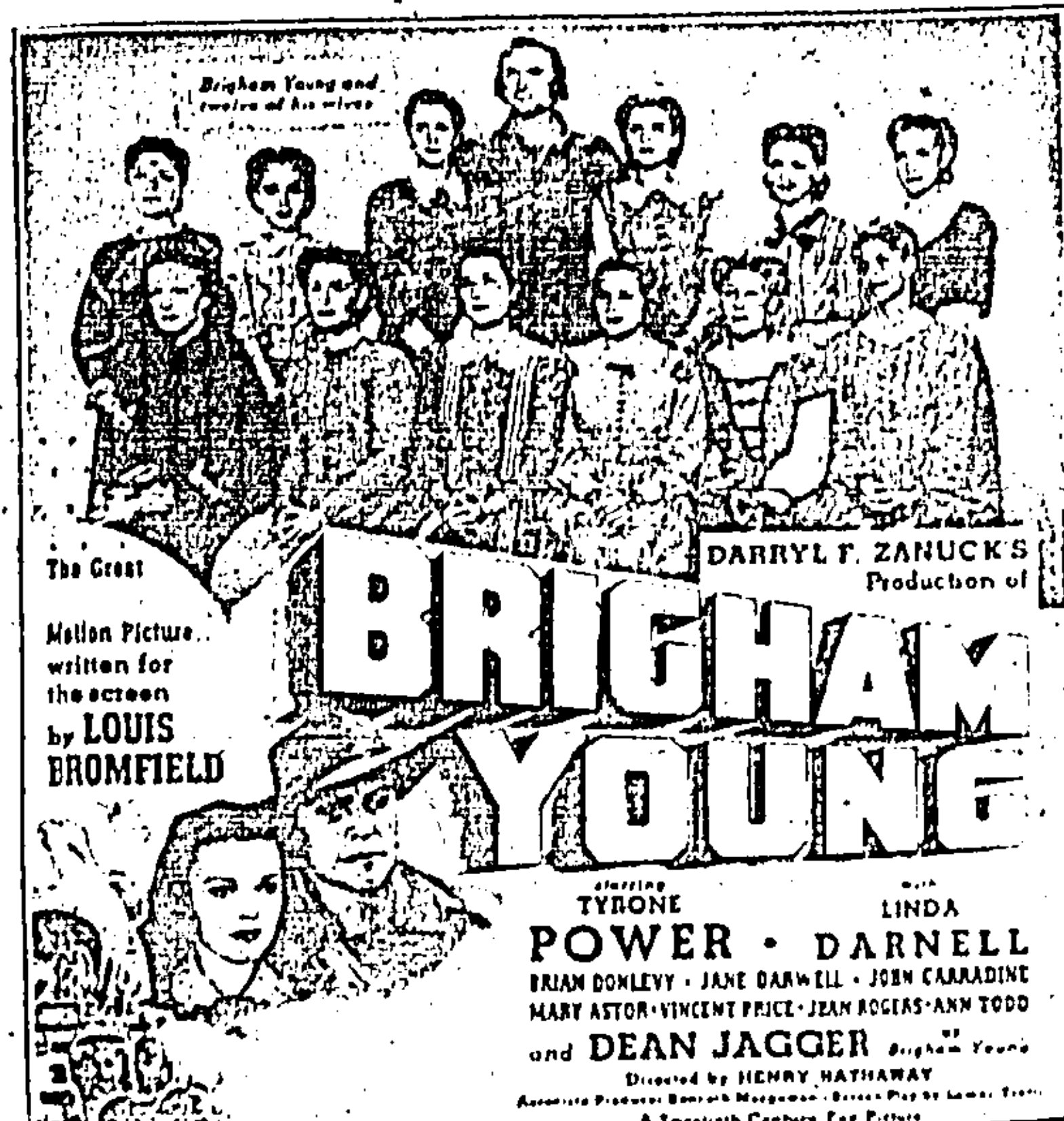
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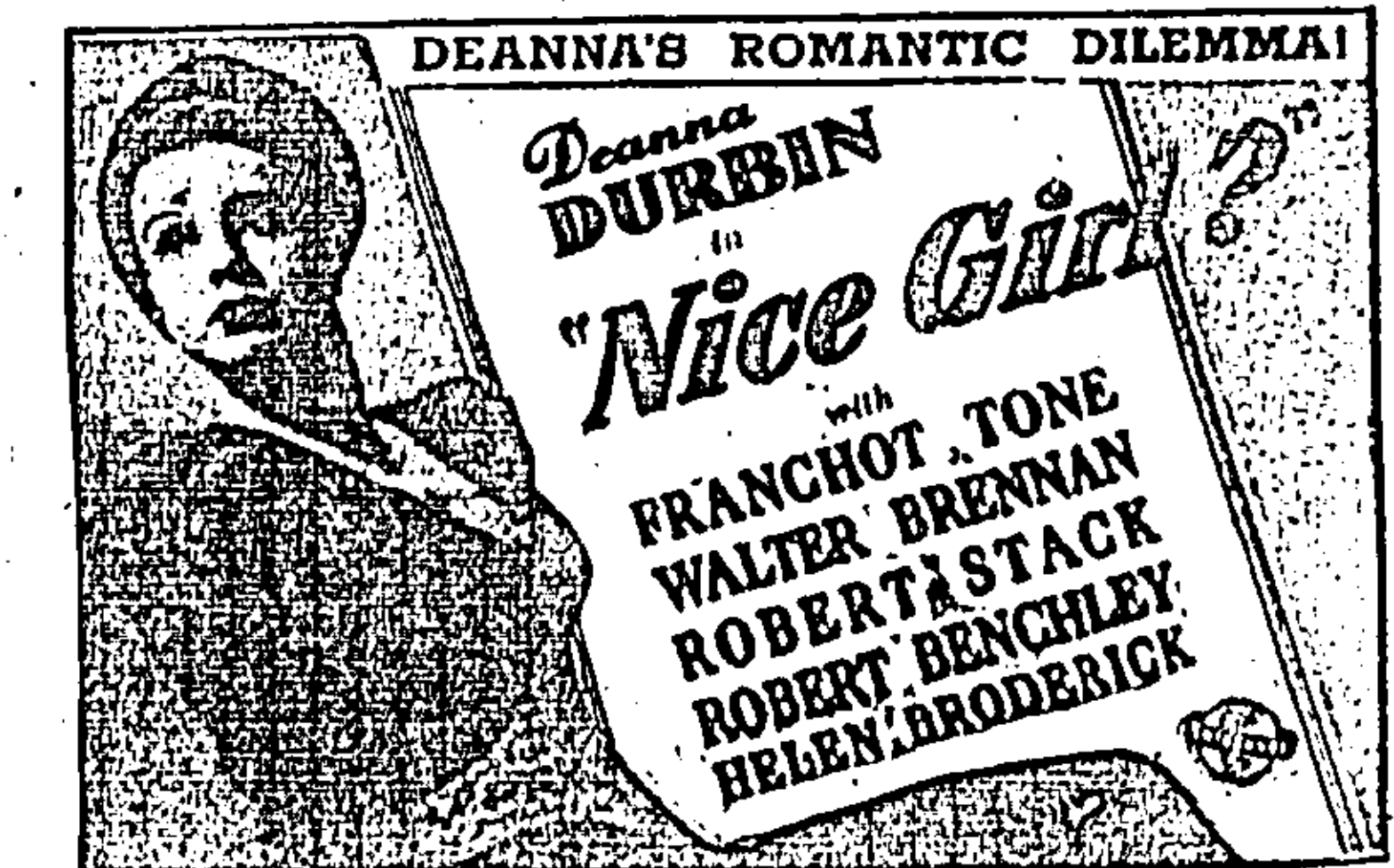
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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

It is interesting to read the journals, especially those from the United States, which are about a month old, in order to see how many of their prophecies have been fulfilled.

None seems to have anticipated the conflict between Germany and Russia. The nearest they get is when they discuss the meaning of the flight of Rudolf Hess. That incident is now generally accepted as a serious effort on the part of Hitler to come to terms with Britain. No element in the flight suggested insanity, they argue. On the contrary everything points to a definite plan which is of the following nature. Hitler's considered opinion is that Germany cannot beat Britain, and Britain cannot beat Germany. The elephant cannot deal with a whale, or a whale with an elephant. Why go on destroying each other for the benefit of Russia? Why not call the war off, and leave us (that is Germany) to dominate the continent of Europe and then let us deal with Russia, the enemy of Western civilisation?

So far the journals seem to be right, but then they get on to the wrong track. If Britain will not listen to Hess, then Hitler says "we will join up with Russia economically and militarily." He had paved the way for this in February when he said that "basically there was no difference between National-Socialism and Marxism." What has really happened is clearly not in accordance with these speculations.

The answer to Rudolf Hess was that under no circumstances would there be any compromise with Hitler, and yet in spite of this the attack was launched against Russia. It is not easy to get behind the motives that prompted the attack, which was not expected at the moment though it was always felt to be a possibility.

ORIGINAL NAZI POLICY

It is probably a mixture of overweening ambition to surpass Napoleon, lust for power, a passion for conquest, perhaps the lure towards the east, or the more prosaic need for oil and wheat. It was also a desire to get back to his original policy and be regarded as the knight errant against godless Bolshevism. Russia was an impossible ally before August 1939, but a convenient one after that date. It is really amazing how each country in Europe has contributed to its own downfall and how pleasantly they have been called upon to do it.

Take Hitler on July 10, 1940. This is what he said to the German Reichstag and this is the official German report which is here quoted:

"In the opinion of British politicians, their last hopes, apart from allied peoples, consisting of a number of kings without a throne, statesmen without a nation and generals without an army, seem to be based on a fresh complications which they hope to bring about, thanks to their proven skill in such matters. A true Althusser among these hopes is the belief in the possibility of a fresh estrangement between Germany and Russia.

"German-Russian relations have been finally established. The reason for this is that Britain and France, authorised by certain lesser Powers, continually meddled Germany with the desire to conquer territory which lay outside the sphere of German interests. It was said at one time that Germany wanted to possess the Ukraine, again that she intended to

invade Finland, yet again that she had threatened Rumania, and finally fears were entertained for the safety of Turkey.

"In these circumstances I conceived it right to enter into straightforward discussions with Russia in order to define clearly once and for all what Germany believed she must regard as the sphere of interests to which she looked to her future, and what Russia, on the other hand, considered essential for her existence. This clear definition of their several spheres of interest was followed by a new basis for German-Russian relations. All hope that the completion of this might give rise to fresh tension between Germany and Russia is purely idle. Neither has Germany undertaken any steps which would have led her to exceed the limits of her sphere of interest, nor has Russia done anything of the kind. Britain's hope that she could, by bringing about a new European crisis, better her own position amounts, in



so far as this concerns Germany's relations with Russia, to a false conclusion. British statesmen are always somewhat slow in grasping facts, but they will learn to see this in time."

It is all so plausible. Hitler apparently never had any designs against Russia. His greatest, nay, his only desire, was to live in peace.

RUSSIA'S ARMY

The Germans probably knew better than anyone else just how strong the Russian army is. After the armistice of 1918 German officers in considerable numbers went to Moscow and at the same time master the technique of new weapons, which Germany was not allowed to possess at that time. In this way the Reichwehr, though practically disbanded in Germany, kept up its training abroad until such time as their own army was revived.

It is that training and that knowledge which is proving invaluable in the present war against Russia. It is certain that the German army would not have launched its attack at this moment unless it was fairly sure of the ground. The Russians are splendid soldiers, but it is generally assumed that leadership is lacking, that political considerations have taken precedence over military, in army matters, until recently. This has never been the case in the Reichwehr, where authority has always been with the officer and never anywhere else.

There has been much talk of a comparison with Napoleon, and his Moscow failure, but history does not repeat itself when conditions have changed. Tanks and aeroplanes make a difference. What does remain the same, if the German panzer divisions do sweep forward, is the policy of the scorched earth. As food and oil are the object of this invasion, it may be that in this respect history will repeat itself and that the German armies will find it difficult to remain on Russian territory, especially during the winter months. Hitler must conclude the campaign and dictate peace before winter comes. It is certainly a big task.

PROBLEM FOR JAPAN

The problem in the Far East is what will Japan do in the present crisis? It cannot be very easy to decide, but obviously the recognition of the Nanking regime by Berlin is part of the price Germany is willing to pay for Japanese participation in this

new war. Formerly the Nazis wanted Japan to go south and draw American forces as well as British from the other theatre of war. Now, of course, the demand must be for help in the more immediate task—the defeat of Russia. Japan can contribute to that by attacking in Siberia through Manchuria and Mongolia. But does such an attack on Russia involve war with Britain and probably the United States?

It is the very powerful position of the United States in the Far East which acts as a brake to the policy of Japan. The bombing of Chinese cities, the flagrant violations of international law, the destruction of American property in China have all built up a powerful bloc against Japan, and it is obvious that very little more need be added before the whole of the Far East is in the world conflict.

The war between Russia and Germany has already, as we have said, had its effect upon China in that German and Italian representatives must be withdrawn from Chungking and transferred to Nanking. There has always been in China, Kai-shek's encouragement of a certain group which looked with favour, if not admiration, on the Nazi organisation and even advocated its adoption. Now it cannot support the German system in any way without incurring the suspicion of being in touch with Nanking, which have been closely in touch with Russia—the so-called communists in Shansi—will not be treated so harshly as in the past.

To that extent the position in Chungking is clarified, and made much easier for the new Foreign Minister, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, who has never left any doubt in the minds of his people in what direction he would steer the foreign policy. China's fate is now definitely linked with that of the Allies and with that of Russia.

It naturally follows that the material help which China has been getting from Russia will be reduced if not stopped altogether. That makes it all the more necessary that supplies should get through from the United States to China, and still more necessary that the flow of warlike material to Japan should come to an end. It is time that the national welfare of America should take precedence over sectional commercial interests which are simply building up the forces of a potential enemy in the Pacific.

POSSIBLE COURSE

The answer to the question, what will Japan do, depends however, on the capacity of Japanese statesmen to envisage the future. Is a power, notorious for making treaties and then breaking them, less dangerous than a sovietised Russia? It must be obvious to Japan that world domination is the goal of Hitler's policy, and that any part that Japan will play will be that of a subordinate. It cannot be otherwise. Germany's tortuous course has been so obvious to Japan that even Hitler can hardly be surprised if at this crisis in her history she consults her own interests and ceases to be dragged behind the German state chariot.

The real crux of the matter or the chief deterrent to active participation in the war, is for Japan first to find a justifiable cause and secondly, to estimate correctly the real fighting power of the United States.

The treaty with Germany is balanced by the non-aggression pact with Russia. Then there is no just cause for a decent upon the Netherlands East Indies, and behind all that there is a firm conviction now that appeasement and the United States are not on familiar terms in these days. So the policy of Japan, as we would expect, remains unformulated as far as war is concerned.

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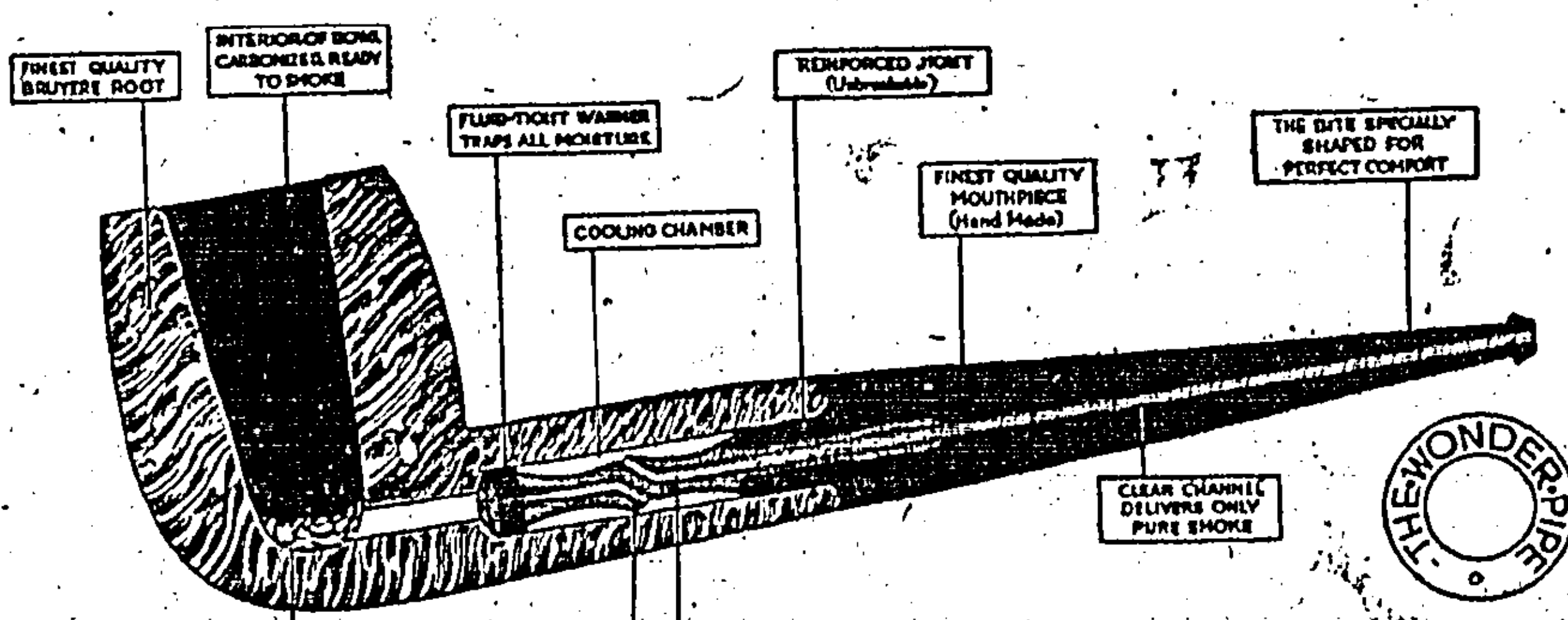
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1. Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, who still rules over the widespread Dutch Empire from London.
2. Admiral William Penn, father of William, the founder of the colony. The land was given to him because the British Government owed Admiral Penn £16,000.
3. Around Dover, England, which has taken much punishment from Nazi air attacks.
4. Gullotine, decapitate parallel.
5. Roman beauty who later became the wife of the Emperor Nero.
6. Corduroy, which in France means "cord of the king".
7. Office of Production Management, the central directing organisation for the U.S. defence programme.
8. Measure of energy, 9, 1914 to 1922.
10. They are all winds.

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